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Minden Lions Club Rides for HHHS

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

Minden Lions Poker Run raises over $4000 for the HHHS

The first ever Minden Lions Club Poker Run was held last Saturday, starting and finishing in Minden, and was a huge success. All proceeds went to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS). There were 60 participants riding 50 motorcycles for 240 kilometres throughout the Highlands.

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Indiscriminate Dumping No Longer Tolerated in Dysart

"If there's no enforcement you might as well take the by-law and divide it into pieces for use in an outhouse."
(William Elliott)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

If you're thinking about tossing your garbage out on the side of the road, or piling it up in front of the landfill site gates during off hours, think again. This week William Elliott, accompanied by Scotty Morrison for moral support, spoke with the Dysart et al Council about illegal waste disposal at the landfill site gates, and Council got the message.

Elliott spoke about problems at the landfill site on Kennisis Lake Road. He reported that some time between 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21st and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, the 23rd two and a half pick-up loads of garbage were dumped right outside the gates of the landfill site. (The landfill is closed on Fridays.) Elliott said he was at the landfill when it opened on Saturday to witness the dismay of the attendant.

"It makes a terrible mess and there's a lot of work to clean it up," said Elliott. According to Elliott, when he reported the incident to the By-law Enforcement Department they advised that they would have to see the individual dumping the garbage in order to charge them.

Elliott referred Council to Section 31 of the Municipal by-law which, among other things, prohibits the deposit of refuse at the gates. According to Elliott, you don't need to see dumping taking place in order to lay a charge. He offered evidence of the name, address and telephone number of a woman from Guelph responsible for dumping the garbage. Elliott also said that he had spoken with the OPP Staff Sergeant in Minden who advised that according to the by-law charges could be laid.

At this point Councillor Andrea Martin voiced concerns about going through garbage to determine the identification of people. But Elliott was quick to respond that the attendant

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Contractors Continue to Take Aim at Highlands East Building Official

"The CBO is making a mockery of Council."
(Sharon Lonergan)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

As the end of the building season rapidly approaches, designers and contractors in Highlands East are reaching the end of their tether with the municipality's Chief Building Official (CBO) Randy Dunsmore. Speaking on behalf of a number of contractors and residents, Larry Haight of Compudraft Design Services and Sharon Lonergan of Rob Lonergan Contracting voiced their mounting frustrations to Council at their meeting this week. They both said the situation has become untenable and formally asked Council to terminate the CBO's contract in efforts to salvage what is left of the building season.

Haight first raised formal concerns in a letter to Council in early June, to no avail. In mid-August, after a heated contractors and property owners meeting, Council decided that in efforts to improve communications and expedite building permits they would hire additional staff to assist the building department during what they called a difficult transition period. It was their determination that their CBO was overworked. According to Haight and Lonergan, Council's solution worked as well as a wearing a paper shirt to a bear fight.

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Election 2008: The Race is On

Campaign to be conducted "with respect" by local candidates

Stephen Patrick
Editor

The writ has been dropped, the planes booked (or not), the candidates nominated (at least some of them) and Canada's latest federal election is well under way. The good news is that it's going to be one of the shortest election periods in Canadian history – a mere 36 days of policy pronouncements and political posturing. The other piece of good news is that so far the nominated candidates in Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock have pledged to conduct a campaign based on respect and courtesy for their opponents and their points of view.

Barry Devolin, the Conservative Party candidate, and current Member of Parliament, will be running for the third time, and acknowledged, in an interview with the County Voice, that "the Liberals in our riding in particular are better organized and more focused than they've been in the last two elections. And my Liberal opponent (Marlene White) is a hard-working and sincere candidate who deserves our respect, certainly."

Devolin expects the campaign to reflect national issues, particularly as it relates to leadership. "I do think people will look to Stephen Harper for economic leadership in a time of business uncertainty. The U.S. is clearly in some economic turmoil, and when 85 percent of your trade is affected, you know that will produce significant anxiety and some downturn. When construction and real estate is in trouble in the States, for example, truck pickup sales plummet, and we lose those Oshawa GM jobs, which has a big impact on the southern part of the riding.

"I also realize that the price of home heating oil, for example, will be an issue for many people in the riding, seniors, people on fixed income, and many more. I can see home owners and renters both changing the way they want to pay for their oil: in my own family we've decided to pay monthly this year, rather than by the fill-up. I can also see people asking their fuel company for a partial fill-up – 'just give me $400 worth, please' – which will certainly have an impact."

Devolin also sees the environment as a central issue of the campaign, and can't resist a chortle at the national Liberal's fumbling around with their gas guzzling planes, and trying to buy carbon credits from a Toronto firm called CarbonZero, which is involved in the trading of carbon emissions. According to the Globe and Mail, the Liberal's credits will go towards a Quebec project for replacing gas boilers. "This just shows how difficult the Liberal's carbon policy is to understand, and from my point of view, how inefficient and illogical it is."

Devolin also is proud of his role in the Trent Severn Waterway Review, and his position as co-chair of the non-partisan Trent Severn Caucus. "We have the potential here to make a profound change in the management of our water – throughout the riding. If I'm re-elected my intention is to continue to pursue the issue: you've got to understand that the problems have been with us for 50 years, and they can't be fixed in six months. But we've made a really important start."

Devolin has also been deeply affected by his visits to the Iqaluit region in Nunavut as Parliamentary Chair of the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Committee of the House of Commons. "When you visit the far north you realize that for those residents there is no debate about climate change. I've talked to guys my own age who tell me straight out that the evidence is overwhelming – for example, they say that 'all my life I've been able to snowmobile across this bay until June, and now it's open water in early May.' So we have to address the big issues as well."

For Liberal candidate Marlene White, a former elementary school principal, Health Care is emerging as a major issue, and she told the Voice: "At every turn people are talking about the quality of health care, and their ability to access long-term care for their loved ones – and this is all interwoven with the economy, jobs, affordable housing, and the ability of this government to deal with the tough economic issues. As well, our constituents don't understand why an election had to be called now – people aren't stupid, you know, and they realize that the last Parliament managed to pass some 40 pieces of legislation and two budgets – that's not exactly a Parliament that's 'dysfunctional' by any means."

White is also hearing the fears about the economy and this coming winter. "People need to realize that the Liberal plan for a carbon tax will be offset by other tax credits that will in fact reduce the tax burden. The increases in home heating oil will be very difficult for so many people – and I haven't heard any Conservative plan to deal with that."

The Liberals are also pushing their firm commitment to federal support for the arts. Over the summer the Conservatives cancelled many arts programs that seemingly didn't fit with their own policies, and were accused of a slash and burn anti-arts campaign. The visit last week of Mme. Janine Krieber, the spouse of Liberal Leader Stephane Dion, in support of the local arts community, was significant. "We understand just how important a part of our communities, and their economies, the arts truly are. And we pledge unreservedly to continue to support them," says White.

The New Democratic Party has just nominated Stephen Yardy, an 18-year-old Fleming College social work student, who told the Voice that "I may not be the youngest candidate in the country, but I'm pretty sure I'll be the youngest NDPer in the race."

In a brief interview via cell phone, Yardy said that he's in the race because he "supports the little guy" and has great respect for the NDP's historical support of Medicare, and environmental issues. "In our riding these are huge issues, particularly the battle to stop uranium mining in Haliburton. The other parties all seem to be passing the buck on this issue, but we're 100 percent against the mining project, and we'll make our voice heard. We want this issue on the national stage."

Yardy also agreed that the campaign in Haliburton – Kawartha Lake – Brock will be conducted with respect for others' points of view, and vows not to make it personal. "I'm looking forward to debating the issues with my fellow candidates."

At press time the Green Party had yet to nominate a candidate.■

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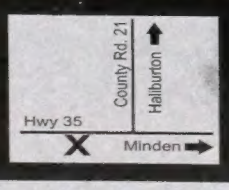

AROUND THE REGION: High pressure will dominate the weather on Thursday with sunny skies and mild temperatures in the lower 20s. Widely scattered showers will be in the forecast on Friday as well as through the weekend into Monday. Highs will be in the teens and low 20s. Dry and milder weather will be experienced on Tuesday and Wednesday.

THURSDAY
Mostly sunny and mild
▲ 22° ▼ 8°

FRIDAY
Cloudy with a few afternoon showers
▲ 20° ▼ 9°

SATURDAY
Cloudy with a few afternoon showers
▲ 22° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY
Breezy with a chance of afternoon showers
▲ 23° ▼ 14°

MONDAY
Breezy with a chance of afternoon showers
▲ 18° ▼ 12°

TUESDAY
Breezy with A.M. clouds, then clearing skies
▲ 25° ▼ 17°

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy and pleasant
▲ 24° ▼ 12°

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Bancroft	22/8/su	20/9/sh	22/13/sh	23/14/sh	18/12/sh	25/17/pc	24/12/pc
Barrie	22/8/su	21/11/sh	23/15/sh	23/16/sh	19/12/sh	26/17/pc	24/13/pc
Dorset	21/7/su	19/9/sh	21/13/sh	22/14/sh	18/11/sh	24/16/pc	23/12/pc
Haliburton	22/8/su	20/9/sh	22/14/sh	23/14/sh	18/12/sh	25/17/pc	24/12/pc
Huntsville	21/7/su	19/9/sh	21/13/sh	22/14/sh	18/11/sh	24/16/pc	23/12/pc
Kingston	22/9/su	22/11/sh	23/15/sh	23/17/sh	19/13/sh	26/18/pc	24/14/pc
Lindsay	22/8/su	21/10/sh	22/14/sh	23/16/sh	19/12/sh	26/17/pc	24/13/pc
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Oshawa	22/9/su	22/11/sh	23/16/sh	24/17/sh	19/13/sh	26/18/pc	24/14/pc
Ottawa	20/8/pc	21/11/sh	23/14/cl	21/16/sh	18/12/sh	24/16/cl	26/13/pc
Toronto	23/10/su	23/12/sh	24/17/sh	24/17/sh	20/13/sh	27/18/pc	26/14/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otlk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otlk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otlk
Calgary	22/7/su	18/6/sh	18/5/su	22/6/su	22/7/su	29/13/su	32/16/pc
Edmonton	23/8/pc	21/8/pc	18/3/su	21/3/pc	22/5/pc	27/13/cl	23/11/sh
Fredericton	18/6/pc	21/7/pc	22/9/su	20/10/dz	20/12/ra	27/13/sh	24/13/cl
Halifax	19/11/su	18/10/pc	18/11/su	18/12/cl	19/16/sh	21/16/pc	20/14/pc
Montreal	20/9/pc	21/11/pc	23/15/cl	21/17/sh	19/13/sh	24/16/cl	27/14/cl
Regina	24/9/su	22/7/pc	19/8/dz	22/4/su	22/5/su	31/17/su	32/18/pc
St. John's	18/11/pc	17/10/pc	16/14/su	15/14/pc	17/15/cl	17/13/sh	17/13/pc
Saskatoon	22/7/pc	21/8/sh	17/9/pc	21/8/cl	21/8/pc	28/15/cl	24/12/sh
Vancouver	23/11/su	22/11/pc	19/11/su	21/12/su	21/13/su	23/14/su	22/15/pc
Whitehorse	12/4/dz	13/3/dz	5/2/sh	8/3/sh	7/5/ra	12/0/cl	12/1/cl
Winnipeg	23/9/su	27/12/su	18/12/sh	17/7/su	18/6/cl	27/15/cl	30/16/pc

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 9/8	19°C	9°C	0.8 mm
Sunday 9/7	15°C	6°C	4.6 mm
Saturday 9/6	20°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Friday 9/5	23°C	17°C	1.0 mm
Thursday 9/4	20°C	18°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 9/3	28°C	12°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 9/2	29°C	11°C	0.3 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	6:48 a.m./7:32 p.m.	5:53 p.m./2:24 a.m.
Fri.	6:50 a.m./7:30 p.m.	6:17 p.m./3:34 a.m.
Sat.	6:51 a.m./7:28 p.m.	6:38 p.m./4:45 a.m.
Sun.	6:52 a.m./7:26 p.m.	6:57 p.m./5:56 a.m.
Mon.	6:53 a.m./7:24 p.m.	7:17 p.m./7:09 a.m.
Tues.	6:54 a.m./7:22 p.m.	7:38 p.m./8:23 a.m.
Wed.	6:56 a.m./7:20 p.m.	8:02 p.m./9:40 a.m.

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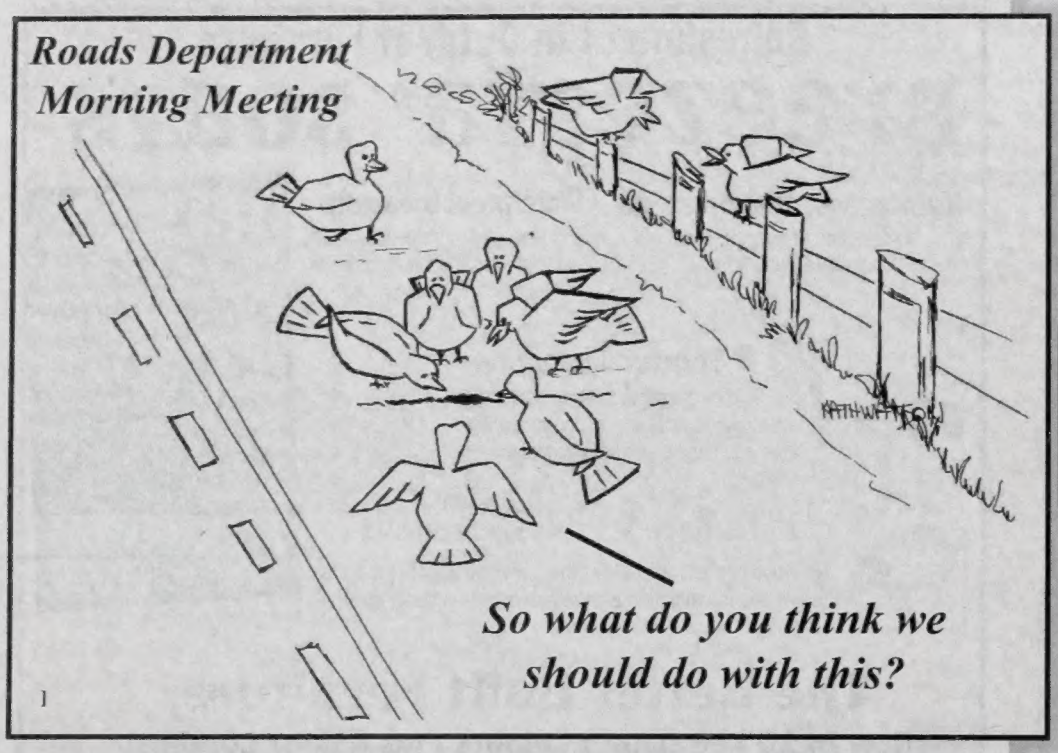

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"I think perhaps the 'Road Association' is suffering from delusions of grandeur."

I am writing this letter in response to a recent article that was posted in the County Voice, regarding the issue of Emergency Vehicles not being able to get to a new road on Big Hawk Lake, due to the way the cars were parked.

Being a cottager on Big Hawk Lake for many years, and docking my boat at Big Hawk Landing, the parking here greatly concerns me as well, however, not in quite the same way it does Mr. Warden, President of the Road Association for Round the Bay Trail.

The parking here has always been an issue and is now worse than ever. This new road was built a couple of years ago and its entrance is located at the far end of the parking area. This entrance, which is quite huge, eliminated a number of parking spots with its construction.

As well, now the President of the road is demanding cars park parallel instead of angled, due to the space of the cars sticking out from their spots. This has effectively removed approximately eight to ten parking spots. This past Labour Day weekend, with such glorious weather upon us, the lot was at full capacity.

I took special note on Monday to check the situation and noticed sarcastic notes on car windshields and written in the dust on a number of vehicles saying "No Parking, Ass!!"

Is this really necessary? I think perhaps the "Road Association" is suffering from delusions of grandeur.

Is being able to have access to Emergency Services when needed important? I would say extremely. Should this not have been a major part of the planning process for this new road? Why is this causing such grief now? Isn't this akin to the old adage about the horse and the barn door??

We have been angle parking for years in this location in order to make appropriate, convenient spaces for all. Why would the many cottagers that park here now drastically change the standard procedure because of the lack of planning on the part of those involved with this new road?? I am told there are eight cottages on this road, which until a couple years ago, were water access only. As a wild guess, I would say there are probably about 60 other cottages that are strictly water access only.

We ALL hope that if we ever need emergency service that is there for us as fast as possible.

Isn't that why we all now have the blue numbers that we place in a visible spot on our cottages? What is the procedure if you have an emergency situation at your water access only cottage?

There have also been approximately seven to eight spots eliminated directly at the Marina itself, due to the owners using this area for the other equipment. Also, people parallel park their vehicles along the road, with their attached trailer, taking up extra space.

We all long for the perfect, most convenient parking spot as we finally arrive at our respite place.

Is going to Council not a waste of time and taxpayers money?

Lack of planning on Mr. President's part, does not constitute a crisis on mine.

Surely there is a better way to handle this situation.

C. McKeever

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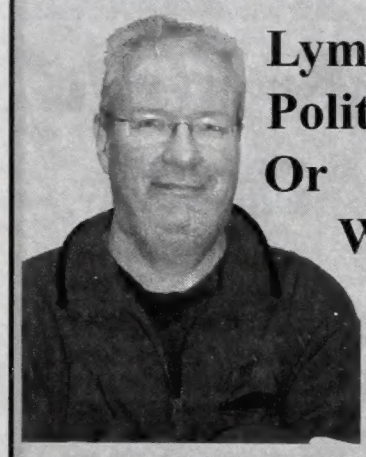
BY Stephen Patrick



Lyman Holmes, Barbers, and Politics Or Whose Family: Whose Values?

The October 14th federal election will be Canada's 40th, and arguably one of the most important since the 'free trade' battle of 1988. It will also be the first in decades that federal-provincial relations, i.e. Quebec, will not be a major issue, which perhaps isn't a bad thing. It's also the first wherein a major party leader has tried to distinguish himself from his opponents by claiming he's a 'family values man', the American fundamentalist code for middle class, white, and Christian.

Imagine John Diefenbaker, Pierre Trudeau, or Brian Mulroney ever stooping to such a vulgar appeal, with its clear assumptions of moral superiority. Trudeau and Mulroney, perhaps because they brought too much of the usual human baggage of life to their jobs, never claimed any halos: their opponents, to their credit, rarely used such baggage as an issue. Dief, who as a poor prairie lawyer had seen so much of the grittiness of life (and the mean side of the dominant Anglo culture of the time), had a particularly flinty-eyed view of the moralists among us. I can practically hear him now denouncing the Liberals, those 'whited sepulchres', for assuming they were the country's natural rulers.

Which brings me to the election of 1957, which saw Diefenbaker break the Grits' 22-year dominance of Canadian politics. I was just a kid, with a Globe paper route and a bike, but that election so galvanized my family, our community, and the country that it converted me into a life-long political junkie. My parents didn't like Dief – thought of him as a bit of a joke, in fact, -- but I was fascinated by his florid rhetoric and huge stage presence, which we could see, for the first time in a Canadian election, on our home televisions. Towards the end of the campaign the Chief visited our town of Hamilton, Ontario to deliver a major speech. Lyman Holmes, our local barber, and one of my newspaper customers, was a life- long Liberal who mocked my interest in Diefenbaker. "He's going to win, you'll see," I told Lyman. "Two haircuts versus two weeks of the paper says he won't," the barber countered. Bet on.

"There won't be more than 50 people in this area turn out to see him," said my father. "But if you want to go, and give me a report, I'll give you a nickel for every seat filled over 200. And you'll owe me for every seat that's not filled." Bet on, said I.

Westdale Collegiate had rarely seen such a crowd. The 500-seat auditorium was packed, with folks flowing out into the hallways and beyond: Dief had one of his best nights, skewering everything Grit with manic delight. A few weeks later the Prairie lawyer turfed out Louis St. Laurent's Liberals with a slim minority victory and within a year the greatest electoral turnout in Canadian federal history (79.4 percent) gave him a huge majority.

Today's minority Conservatives are in their own search for a majority, a half century after Diefenbaker's triumph. In this riding the candidates are already committed to a campaign centred on the issues, not on personalities, or moralistic rhetoric and I believe they'll keep to their word. In contrast, the opening forays out of Ottawa are depressingly vicious and mean-spirited. Not the grand, sweeping invective of the great political orators, just the regurgitation of some ad man's poll-driven spin. "Negative works", say the boys in the back rooms: but not here, for the moment at least, and not for these candidates. We should count ourselves lucky, and listen hard to the candidates' arguments. We may even see some light shed on our collective troubles. ■

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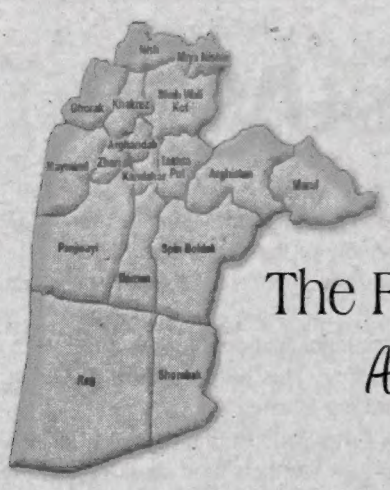

In Memoriam

The Road to Kandahar

A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Captain David Beatty, the County Voice's Kandahar columnist, wrote this week to say his column would have to be delayed until next week, circumstances permitting. This Afghanistan mission is intensely demanding of our soldiers' time and attention – and as Beatty mentioned to us, the deaths of four more of his comrades in the last week and the injuries to several others put a terrible strain on all the troops. Beatty's last email to us simply stated that he had just returned from helping to load the body of Sergeant Prescott Shipway on the plane home. "He was on his way back to Kandahar after his last mission when he was killed -- his tour was effectively over." Sergeant Shipway, 36, was a much decorated soldier with the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Earlier in the week three other soldiers were killed and five injured after an insurgent attack on their armoured vehicle while they were conducting a security patrol in Zharey district. All three were also with the Princess Pat's. As evident from their pictures, the three soldiers, two just 21 years old, and the third just 23, had just begun their adult lives.

The young soldiers are Corporal Andrew Paul Grenon, 23, Corporal Michael James Alexander Seggie, 21, and Private Chadwick James Horn, 21.■

Corporal Andrew Paul Grenon

Private Chadwick James Horn

Corporal Michael James Alexander Seggie

Sergeant Prescott Shipway

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Most electors will be disappointed, confused and unrepresented however the tally of ballots."

Having visited the Governor General, the Prime Minister has just announced a nation public opinion poll. How I wish the Governor General has said "NO: Parliament approved a law mandating elections every four years and you leaders must really work things out till then or rescind the law."

Oh well, a real monarch might have done that but not the pale imitation we have. That's what happens when traditional institutions slide into decay. They fail us when most needed!

Yes, this is a national public opinion poll. We are no more likely to get what we voted for than a traditional public opinion poll results in legislation. Of course, a public opinion poll comes with a disclaimer such as: accurate within two percentage points 19 times out of 20. The exercise we are undertaking has no such assurance.

Maybe we will cast a ballot for a leader but not directly any of the ones whom we will see in ads and photo ops. Perhaps we will vote for a local candidate, a representative, but the last one only enjoyed the support of less that 30 percent of the local electorate. Less than 50 percent of the voters elected him and about 60 percent of the electorate actually voted. Perhaps we will focus on some issue, the economy or foreign policy, etc., but that issue will disappear behind the closed doors of some caucus or more likely Prime Minister's Office and never reappear in recognizable legislation.

Here is a prediction: most electors will be disappointed, confused and unrepresented however the tally of ballots.

The only way out of this sorry situation is electoral reform.

Jim Milne
West Guilford ■

Dear Editor:

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Tom Fitzsimmons
County Taxpayer
Barry Line ■

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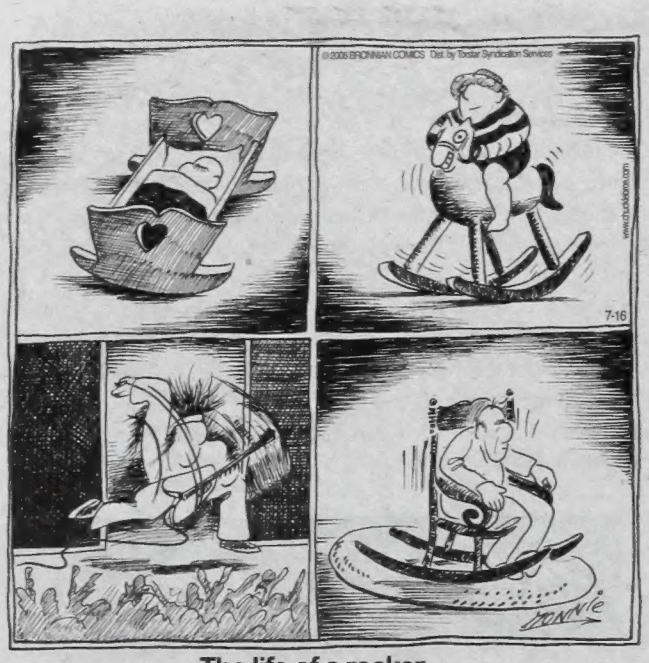

The life of a rocker

Rails End Holds AGM

Members of Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre filled the main gallery on Thursday September 4 for the Annual General Meeting and Elections, where Board President Stephen Patrick gave a brief overview of the year ending March 31, 2008. In his welcome Patrick thanked those in attendance for coming and for supporting the vision of the Gallery as a place for everyone to experience the creative arts.

He informed everyone of two new additions to the Board, Fleming College Principal, Sandre Dupret, and Karen Oster. Dupret joined the slate of Directors who were acclaimed later on during the meeting. The 2008-9 Board of Directors is: Stephen Patrick, Vicki Sisson, Karen Oster, Dagmar Boettcher, Sandre Dupret and Pat Currie.

Executive Director Laurie Jones stated how proud she was to be at the helm of the Rails End and gave brief details on programs and exhibitions that took place last year. Jones commended the Volunteers for their hard work remarking upon the success of the Art & Craft Festival (the Gallery's major fundraising event) both last year and in 2008. She made it clear that the financial support of the Municipality of Dysart et al and other funders are essential to the Rails End and thanked Municipal Rep, Janis Parker, for her representation and advocacy at Council.

Ms. Leah Curtis, a partner in the firm Collins Barrow, of Peterborough, presented the financial statements in a clear and understandable fashion, which was much appreciated by all. On the financial front, while the Gallery reported an excess of operating income over expenses for the year ending March 31, 2008, a fund balance of $-65,883 means there will be no letting up on fundraising and public support anytime soon. Loan repayments for the cost of leasehold improvements the Rails End incurred à few years ago continue to consume retained income for the time being. With a full year of programming ahead Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is proving to be "the little Gallery that can", as Jones so aptly wrote in her Annual Report. For information visit www.railsendgallery.com. ■

Indiscriminate Dumping No Longer Tolerated

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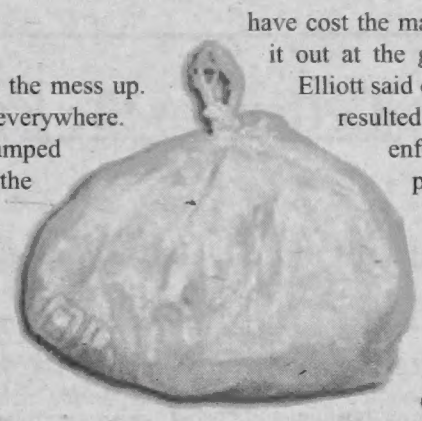
had found the evidence while cleaning the mess up. He said, "The garbage was spread everywhere. There's no right to privacy if it is dumped on the side of the road or right outside the landfill gates."



Reeve Murray Fearrey agreed, saying that attendants in some municipalities open up bags that aren't clear to determine what's in them and the identity of who dumped the unauthorized material.

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis asked if this was a common occurrence during the weekends and Elliott said it was. Fearrey commented that the Municipality had changed landfill site hours to try to address this, but Elliott said the changes hadn't been substantial.

Scotty Morrison said that the prevailing attitude is that garbage can be dumped almost anywhere despite signage or interference. He said that he had been at the landfill on a Saturday when someone came in and dropped a half dozen bags right in front of the shack. He said, "People coming in to the site must think that we're a bunch of pigs."

According to Elliott about 15 years ago charges were laid at that time for a similar case. He said that a man from Toronto had brought 45 bags of garbage one day dumped it outside of the gate. It was cleaned up by the attendant, but three days later the same man brought another 45 bags, all of which was dumped at the gate. He said, "In Toronto there is a fee per bag and it would have cost the man quite a bit, but here if you throw it out at the gate it doesn't cost you anything."

Elliott said charges were laid at that time, which resulted in a conditional discharge, but the enforcement wasn't publicized and people were unaware of the case and its implications.

"In order to enforce compliance people must be aware that charges are being laid. That way people know that action will be taken," said Elliott, who added that he knew Council would be reluctant to lay charges.

Fearrey said that Elliott's point was well taken. A discussion ensued and the opinion of Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Matt Aldom sought. Aldom did not support laying charges. "I have difficulty charging someone for dumping," he said. Aldom was concerned about laying charges based on determining identity from the garbage. "It might have been dumped by someone else."

Elliott later said, "If there's no enforcement you might as well take the by-law and divide it into pieces for use in an outhouse."

At the end of Elliott's presentation, Fearrey said, "We'll consider your comments," adding that he felt Council should consider making an issue of illegal dumping.

Council did consider the matter and had a number of suggestions ranging from not allowing renters the use of dump cards to staggering the hours of the by-law enforcement officer to monitor the site and get license plate numbers to get a true conviction. Fearrey thought it may be of benefit to have by-law staff see the problem first hand. Council finally agreed to make an example of the case and lay charges.

Fearrey said, "The fine itself may be small but the inconvenience of having to come back from the city to go to court may be a sufficient deterrent." Council also asked the media present to let the public know that charges could be pending if anyone is found dumping garbage illegally.■

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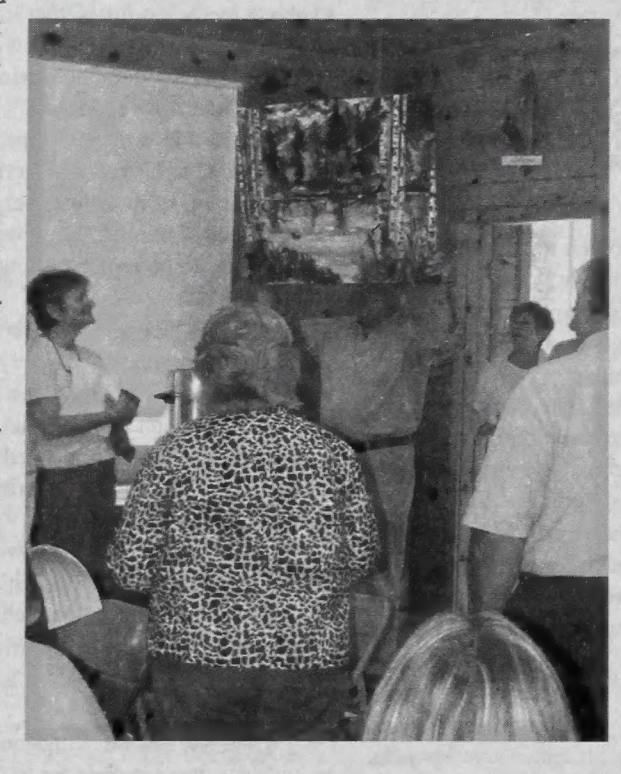
A Year in Review and a Glimpse Into the Future

Current Projects and State of Current Kennisis Lake Cottagers Owners' Association Discussed

A large gathering of cottagers made their way to the Haliburton Forest on Saturday, Aug. 30th for the Kennisis Lake Cottagers Owners' Association (KLCOA) annual general meeting.

The emphasis at this year's AGM seemed to be on maintaining the health of lakes and preserving the environment around them. Through a Kennisis Lakes Plan Update, a comprehensive overview of the initiatives for 2008 and priorities for 2009 were highlighted in a PowerPoint Presentation given by Jim Prince, Chair of the Lake Plan Implementation board of volunteers.



The purpose of the Kennisis Lake Plan is to recognize and protect the unique character of the watershed. Ways to ensure the long-term protection, maintenance and restoration of natural, social and physical features of the watershed are also recommended in the plan.

"Almost everything that we're doing on the lake plan is about education," said Prince in his presentation. The Kennisis Lake Plan is also about rising above special interests, finding respect for the environment and building a sense of community.

"So far we've nailed three of our main priorities," said Prince. These three priorities include water quality, development (shoreline aspects) and natural shorelines. Other examples of issues that the plan addresses are power boating, sustainable forest management and wildlife. The KLCOA needs to continue working on some of these other areas, says Prince.

Prince went on to speak about the importance of the Kennisis Lake Shoreline Advisor Program. Through this voluntary program, property owners are educated and made aware of how to protect their shorelines.

"Over 30 shoreline sites have been visited to date and Municipal properties will be visited in September," said Prince.

This summer, Michael Gibbs of Lakeland Alliance, attended the Kennisis Regatta to promote the shoreline advisor program. As well, a shoreline tour was held with representatives from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Dysart et al, Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council, shoreline advisors and KLCOA members.

A tour provided by a shoreline advisor includes a talk on septic system maintenance, erosion mitigation techniques, shoreline naturalization and the identification of indigenous and invasive plant species.

It's through these educational and informative ways of approaching cottagers that Prince says will encourage them to take notice and take action.

"We're not looking at enforcement here," he explains. "It's about stewardship and asking your neighbours to get involved. We're not trying to strong-arm them." In the New Year, the KLCOA plans to continue to work with the Alliance to secure funds necessary to naturalize or restore a public portion of the shoreline.

Another item of interest at this year's meeting were discussions on a book currently in the works about the history of Kennisis Lake.

"What I'm looking for is memories we can use and everything else we're given, but I want to make it interesting," explained Gloria Carnochan, a long time member of the KLCOA. Carnochan asked for assistance from the cottagers for material to be placed in the book, which should be ready for the KLCOA's next meeting in May.

Safety and security on and around the lake was also brought to the attention of KLCOA members when President Duncan McCallum took the floor. McCallum highlighted some key points from a report on community safety by OPP Const. Mark McMaster.

"There have been at least four outboards stolen, chains have been broken and locks picked," said McCallum about this season. "So, just locking up your motor up may not be sufficient, seeing as these criminals will come to your property and forcibly remove your property," he explained.

McMaster's report also warns cottagers of some of the offences that are being committed on the waters.

"Remember that when employing two people behind a Sea-Doo you must not have more people on the tube then the Sea-Doo was rated for," McCallum quoted from the report. "What that means is that if you're on a Sea-Doo, you can carry two people and that's it. You can have a driver and one other person. Quite simply, the point McMaster is trying to communicate is that you must have Sea-Doo's that are rated for three people if you want to legally water ski or tube and those three people would be the driver, spotter and the person being pulled."

Near the conclusion of the meeting, a few concerned Kennisis cottagers also raised their concerns on what they consider to be noisy, irritating and unsafe boating on the waters. Though one particular boater on the lake was repeatedly referred to, McCallum insists that one person alone shouldn't be the focus of the issue.

In an email to *The Voice*, he states; "the KLCOA remains concerned about certain types of power boat driving that have been demonstrated on several occasions. These boats have operated at great speeds near other boaters and swimmers and some produce excessively loud noise from 'above water exhausts'."

Cathie Heppell, membership Executive, presented the facts of the current state of membership within the KLCOA. According to her, the total number of members belonging to the group has significantly dropped from last year's figure.

"I'm not exactly sure why we were higher last year. From our 2007 listing, there were 145 members who had not renewed for 2008," said Heppell. "There were about 17 new members who joined last year but haven't come back this year."

Heppell says she has sent out two emails to about 300 people, reminding them that they haven't paid their memberships and that if they are willing to join they should do so as soon as possible.

"Well see what happens," said Heppell. "People do get busy in their lives and they forget." Heppell also encouraged those at the meeting to give membership forms to their neighbours who aren't yet a part of the group.

One member at the meeting asked Heppell why more people aren't joining. To that, she responded with a variety of reasons.

"Some people aren't interested and they don't see the reason for it. I've had some people say that they already pay their taxes and they don't want to pay another membership fee. Some people aren't happy with some of the issues that we deal with and it's not what they want to put their money towards," she said.

Also brought up at the meeting were elections for the KLCOA executive committee. Both McCallum and executive member Steve Ashfield indicated that they wished to step down from their positions.

"Do we have anyone that would like to run for any of these positions?" asked Ashfield. After posing that question, he was greeted by silence.

"I'm burnt out. We need new blood because that's the only way we can move forward is if people step-up," he said. "We're only as good as the feedback that we get."

As a result of no one deciding to run for any of the executive positions, a motion was made to re-elect the current executive group for another term. It was indicated that this situation will be revisited at the KLCOA's next spring meeting.

Members who organized successful KLCOA events this summer were also recognized for their achievements at the meeting. Some of these events included: the 50th Kennisis Regatta, fireworks and the Rock Bass fishing derby.

Following the meeting, a piece of art made by Kennisis Lake cottagers who call themselves "The Elderberries" was put up for auction. The item sold for $200, with proceeds going to the Norah's Island fund.

Norah's Island, located on Kennisis Lake, was donated to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) so that it would be kept as an undisturbed wilderness area free of any future development.

For information on the KLCOA make your way to their web site at www.klcoa.org.■

Making Inroads into the Mining Act

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

When Ontario's Minister of Northern Development and Mines announced last month that the government would be holding a series of public and stakeholder meetings about the Mining Act, a certain amount of skepticism was heard from many corners about any good coming out of the meetings for Haliburton County. However, recent reports from the members of Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME) are a solid indication that those concerned about uranium exploration and open pit mining are finally making some inroads.

FUME co-founders Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, working with other key members of their group, have formed an alliance with the *Coalition for Balanced Mining Act Reform.* Together they developed what they call *Three Modest Proposals Concerning Mining in Ontario*. In essence what they propose is that the government re-unite all provincially owned mining rights with privately owned and municipally taxed land; to strengthen municipal planning powers by giving municipal governments the ability to develop and enforce official plans and restrict the locations where mining activities can be undertaken; and finally that the provincial government require a comprehensive public review prior to allowing any mineral exploration or mining activities to occur.

Speaking of the Coalition, Simpson said, "This is an incredibly dedicated group of people. We're finding them wonderful to work with and their research is phenomenal" Simpson also said that the Coalition recently received an endorsement from the Association of Ontario Municipalities, something which is on Highlands East Council agenda this week to consider supporting.

Roger Young, representing both FUME and the Little Glamour Lake Cottagers' Association recently wrote a long letter for media consumption, covering in some detail the process of the hearing held in Kingston and the outcome. Young letter clearly indicates that residents seeking reform to the Mining Act are having some success and that general agreement with the Three Modest Proposals may actually be emerging.

The hearings are being held in two forums. According to Young, during the day a broad range of people from many backgrounds and communities were grouped together for an exchange of ideas. While Young said that supporters of the mining industry were strategically placed at each table, it soon became apparent that the discussions and comments brought forward from each group far surpassed the curtailed programmed thinking that was encouraged.

Young said that several themes materialized from the discussions and in the end clear consensus shone through that to a great extent supported their proposals. In addition to that, Young said that while there was strong empathy for the concerns of aboriginal people and a demand that they be treated fairly, there was also a consensus that all people of Ontario deserve respect for their individual property rights.

"This was the first opportunity for anyone to deal with the Mining Act in 150 years."

In addition to that Young reported a general agreement that in the case of unsettled land claims, exploration on associated lands must wait until the claims are settled or the right to enter and mine is properly negotiated in good faith.

Lastly, Young said, "For all the ballyhoo by the Ministry about the importance of mining and the impact it has on the provincial economy, many speakers commented on the even greater contributions of the cottage, tourist, recreation and environment sector."

In his letter, Young said, "What this fly on the wall saw and heard was a consensus of strong themes coherently, rationally and calmly presented in the afternoon. It came together from separate mouths working at separate tables." According to Young even the naysayers would have been impressed by the common thread reported and that the *Three Modest Proposals* are alive and well.

According to Young, the second part of the hearing in Kingston was apparently given over to a town hall style meeting where a pervading and self promoting view of mining's significance to the provincial economy was presented by the organizers. Even though this session was attended by many different participants, Young said that those who took to their feet to speak expressed comments almost identical to the themes that came out of the afternoon sessions.

Robin Simpson was in agreement that the coalition had some success with their proposals in Kingston. According to Simpson a number of coalition members along with councillors from Ottawa, Tay Valley and Lanark all had seats at the round table discussions. Simpson agreed with Young's comments that the process was contrived and efforts were made by organizers to limit the topics of discussion.

But Simpson also said, "This was the first opportunity for anyone to deal with the Mining Act in 150 years, so we decided to play it by their rules. Rather than directing our comments to uranium or dealing with emotional issues, we dealt strictly with the mining act, narrowing our focus to our three proposals."

However, Simpson did voice concern about what he called a fairly glaring error made by the Government that everyone will have to live by. "For the purposes of mining, the government has arbitrarily divided Ontario into three separate sections; the far north, near north and the south."

According to Simpson in the far north section, the government is offering Aboriginals the ability to plan where mining will or won't take place. The problem is that there are no official plans there. "They're not offering this to the near north or southern area where it is so badly needed. If it is offered to the north it should be offered to all of Ontario. It's needed equally and there should be a balance."

"But if we win with our *Three Modest Proposals* we will have won the war as Southern Ontario will be off limits to mining given the population," said Simpson. He says that of the three areas, the Southern Ontario section which encompasses Haliburton County, offers the least amount of money for the mining companies.

"What we saw in Kingston is that the mining industry would like things to remain the same with free access to all lands." Having said that, Simpson also said there were several prospectors who agreed that surface rights owners should also have their mineral rights returned to them. According to Simpson another discriminatory practice is waged against the 1.5 percent of land owners in Ontario who still do not have the right to minerals on their own land.

Simpson voiced serious doubts about the McGuinty Government's goal to have revised legislation on the table before the end year. "We would like to see them postpone it for a number of reasons," he said. "After 150 years to pushed legislation through this quickly without sufficient time for review or fair notice to all stakeholders is just too fast"

What Simpson finds most incredible is the government's spin on mining and the province's economy. "The mining companies put a billion dollars into Ontario's economy each year but no one wants to talk about the fact that they take out 9 billion dollars each year. The province is giving away our natural resources."

Simpson reported that the ministry has set up a website seeking public input into the Mining Act review. The registry will be open until October 15th. However, he is skeptical about the process as he has had reports from people who have posted comments which are not showing up. In efforts to have a record of what is being posted to the registry, FUME has set up their BLOG site which will allow people to post their comments and then cut and paste them directly to the registry. This will allow FUME to track comments being made and as Simpson said, "the more input and record of comments posted, the better."

For more information on the Mining Act review and links to the Environmental Registry, visit FUME's website at www.fighturanium.com.■

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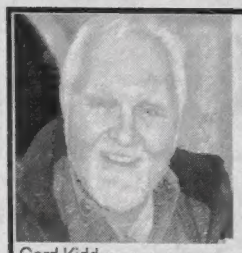

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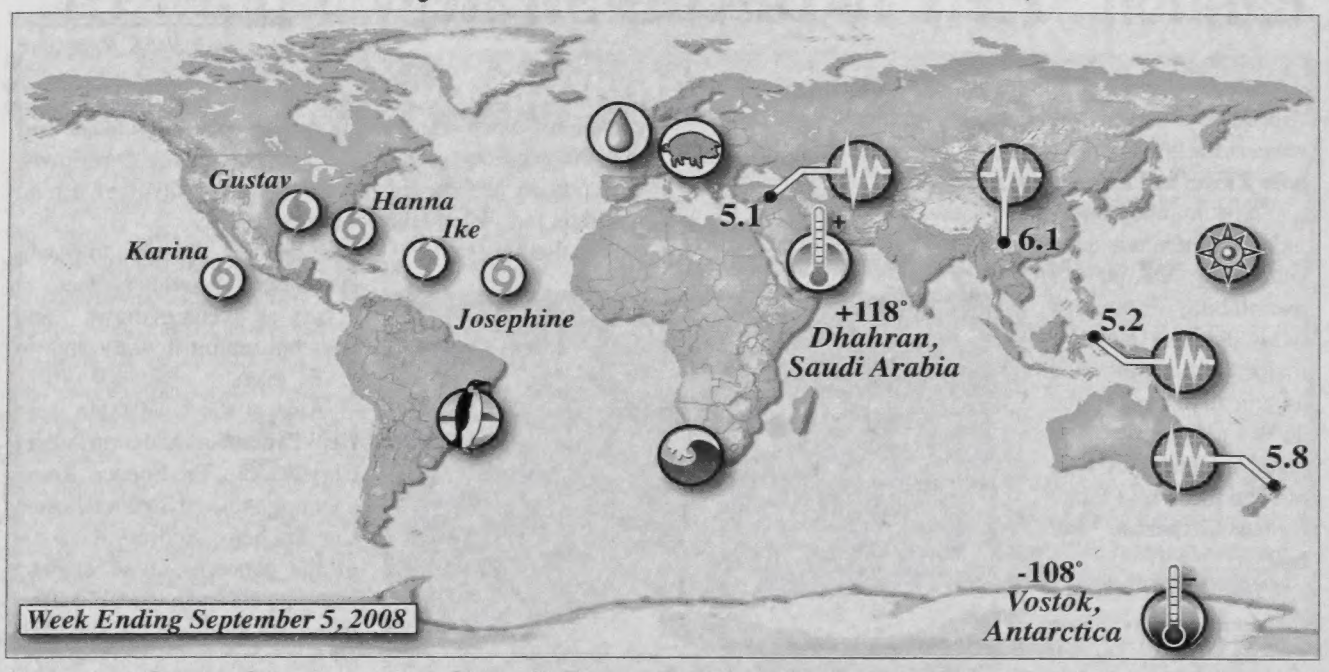

Sunspot Drought

The surface of the sun nearly broke a 100-year record by coming very close to not producing any sunspots during the entire month of August. The Solar Influences Data Analysis Center in Brussels detected a dark speck on Aug. 21 and 22 that was large enough to count as a sunspot. Only a small number of sunspots have been observed so far this year, suggesting that the sun is currently at a low point in an 11-year cycle of activity. Sunspots have been counted systematically since 1749, and as many as 100 or more can occur during a single month at the cycle's peak. A disturbing 50-year absence of sunspots in the 17th century, known as the Maunder Minimum, caused decades of cold weather known as the "Little Ice Age." Periods of inactivity are normal for the sun, but the current spot-free period has gone on much longer than usual. Scientists maintain that the next solar cycle is just "off to a slow start."

August Gloom

Unusual weather patterns in the eastern Atlantic caused Britain's least-sunny August since sunshine measurements began in 1929. The Met Office said that there were only 105.5 hours of sunshine during the month, far less than the normal 165.1 hours. The agency added it was also the fifth-wettest on record with an average of 5.5 inches of rain causing floods in some areas. There were a few exceptions to the dull end of summer. Lerwick in Shetland, as well as the Isle of Wight, were fortunate enough to receive about 130 percent of the average sunshine levels during the month. Meteorologists say that the usual area of high pressure that forms each summer near the Azores failed to develop this summer.

Brazil Penguin Deaths

More than 200 oil-covered penguins washed onto the beaches of Brazil's resort of Florianopolis in the latest in a series of penguin deaths that have occurred along the country's coast this year. An environmental official said the oil probably leaked from a large ship, which would be nearly impossible to identify due to the high volume of maritime traffic. Thousands of the birds have been found both dead and alive this year as far north as Brazil's Rio Grande do Norte state, near the equator.

Mini Tsunamis

Sudden changes in sea level off the Atlantic coasts of South Africa and Namibia in late August were most likely caused by undersea earthquakes triggering slumps (mudslides) on the ocean floor, according to South African researchers. One of the three abrupt tide changes observed within a six-hour period on Aug. 20 and 21 caused minor damage along the South African coast. Witnesses said the surge dragged a car into the sea and caused damage to coastal facilities at St. Helena Bay.

Tropical Cyclones

Hurricane Gustav's rampage across Louisiana left at least 10 people dead and an estimated $10 billion in damage. That is in addition to the 77 fatalities the storm caused in Haiti and 10 other deaths in Jamaica. Former President Fidel Castro described Gustav's damage to eastern Cuba as being like from "an atomic blast."

• Hurricane Hanna took aim on the southeastern United States after leaving 61 dead in Haiti.

• Hurricane Ike approached the Bahamas. Tropical Storm Josephine formed near the Cape Verde Islands.

• Tropical Storm Karina briefly swirled off Mexico's Pacific coast.

Earthquakes

At least 38 people were killed and 500 others injured by the latest temblor to rock China's quake-weary Sichuan-Yunnan border region. The 6.1 magnitude quake occurred along the same fault as a May 12 temblor that killed up to 87,000 people.

• A magnitude 5.1 quake in southwest Turkey's Adiyaman province damaged some buildings, but there were no reports of injuries.

• Earth movements were also felt in New Zealand's North Island and Indonesia's Sulawesi Island.

Swiss Animal Rights

Strict new laws that went into effect across Switzerland on Sept. 1 have some wondering if legislators have overreached in efforts to safeguard the animal kingdom. It is now illegal to flush live goldfish down the toilet. The law stipulates that they must first be knocked out and killed before being disposed of. Fishermen may no longer practice catch-and-release fishing, and the use of live bait is prohibited. Pets such as parrots and hamsters may no longer be kept by themselves, and livestock such as sheep and goats must have at least "a visual contact with their fellows," under the new law. Dog owners are now required to take classes to learn how to keep their pets from biting. Even with regulations saying that pigs have the legal right to shower and freshen up after rolling in mud, the country's leading animal rights group, STS, says the new law doesn't go far enough.

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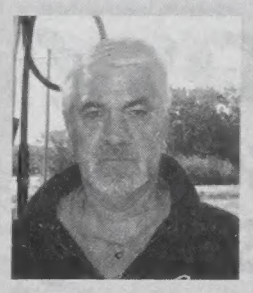
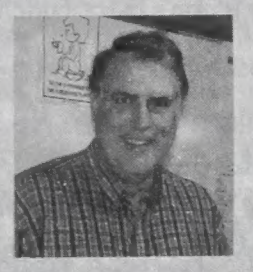
Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people in Haliburton, "Do you feel that it's a good time for an election? What are your thoughts?"

Kim Warr, Gooderham – "I think it's really a sad state in our government at this time. For the past three of four elections I've looked at who would do the least harm when I voted. But that doesn't mean I'd ever opt out of voting. I think that you need to have a say. But I think it's bad that we need to choose the best out of the worst. I don't think it's ever a bad time for an election."

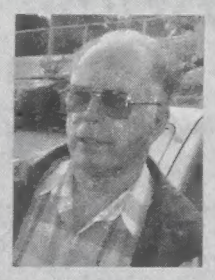


Ron Rollauer, Benoir Lake – "Yes I think it's a good time. I think the Conservative party has been unable to work effectively with the current minority government. I'm hoping for a majority Conservative government."

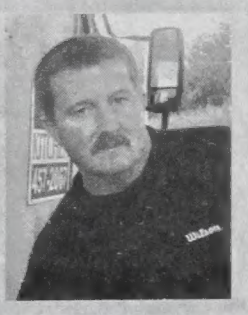


Wayne Cox, Minden – "No, there shouldn't be an election right now because there's a law that there isn't suppose to be one! I don't know why the Prime Minister passes a law and then breaks it. I haven't decided who I'm voting for."

Lynne Nolan, Wilberforce – "Is any time a good time for an election? I know who I'll be voting for. It would be nice if they could lower gas prices as part of their campaign."



Alex Bowers, Wilberforce – "No Premiers out of Quebec, I'm fed up with that. Yes, I think that it was good that Harper called an election. I generally vote Liberal. Paul Martin was the best of them all to balance the books. But not Dion, he can't even speak English!"



Keith Smith, Haliburton – "To be honest, I don't follow politics. It doesn't seem to matter who we put in there, we always seem to see the same results. I think I know who I'll be voting for."

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Equitable Water Flow Coalition Meets To Discuss Strategy

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

While approximately 70 percent of the country is questioning the efficacy of last Sunday's fall election call, the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) is taking a glass half full view of the Conservative's rally to arms.

In fact, the CEWF, at a General Meeting held last Saturday at Minden's Our Lady of Fatima church hall, is hoping that the upcoming election campaign will offer some primetime opportunities to push their agenda onto open forums and into upcoming candidate debates.

The CEWF membership and interested onlookers attending last Saturday's packed general meeting, expressed a pressing need to inject the cause for equitable water flow on the Tent Severn Waterway (TSW) into this upcoming federal campaign. Indeed, they accepted a suggestion at the end of the meeting to look into the feasibility of hosting an all-candidates night here in the Haliburton area.

Bonnie Fleischaker, The CEWF founder and chair, stressed that it's time to bring under-funding and lack of a comprehensive management strategy, things that are addressed in a report entitled "It's All About The Water" (a report penned by the Panel on the Future of the TSW), to the attention of every resident living in the TSW watershed areas.

And, she added, this election might provide the perfect vehicle for a broad ranging initiative, a dais where CEWF concerns might achieve some prominence and notoriety on both a local and national scale.

"The number one issue is the implementation of an independent water management agency," said Fleischaker, hearkening the panel's overarching concern over Parks Canada's major role in the adjudication of the TSW, a job that the panel maintains is well beyond the ken of Parks Canada expertise and budget.

"The second concern is funding available to the TSW, which is laughable," added Fleischaker.

On page 71 of the "All About Water" report, the panel states its case for an "independent agency to manage water flows, levels and allocation in the Trent Severn watersheds." The report goes on to explain that such an aggregating agency would, "assume many of the responsibilities currently fragmented among different agencies. It would also complement the work of conservation authorities in watershed and water quality management."

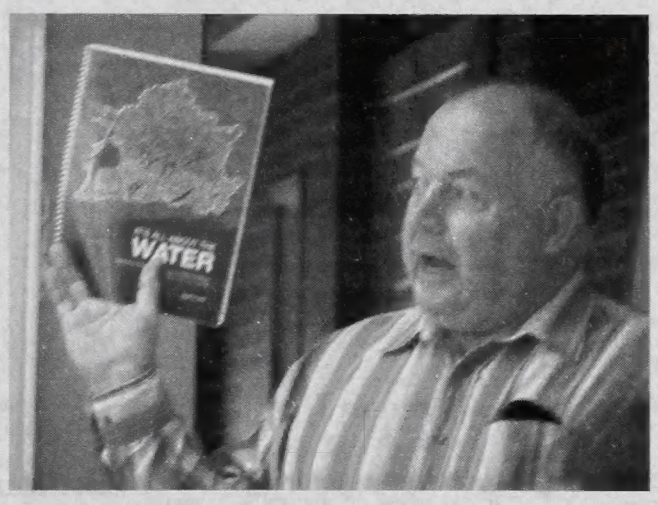
Loathsome and ongoing under-funding was also addressed by the panel, which said that." Infrastructure maintenance and improvements funding would remain with the federal government" and that, "revenue from water use (hydro, drinking, recreational) would support day-to-day operations. As important beneficiaries, the province and others including the hydro industry should make in-kind contributions."

Generally, most persons attending the meeting, a lot of them members and directors of area cottage associations, expressed a high degree of frustration regarding a perceived indifference on the part of governments vis-à-vis the ongoing struggle with water levels and quality of life issues here on the northern reaches of the TSW watershed.

A lot of this frustration rests with wildly fluctuating water levels, shoreline management and ecological concerns in the so-called reservoir and flow-through (RAFT) lakes, which feed the TSW. New and longstanding power projects have always been cited when assessing inequities in water flow on the TSW, but there are many other draws and 108 stakehoders involved in the puzzle, so this whole scenario remains a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. In a word, it's complicated. The CEWF vision strategy on the future of the TSW mandates that, "water level management for power generation would be secondary to flood control, safe navigation and environmental issues throughout the system including on RAFT lakes."

Fleischaker said that another CEWF plank advocated that individual personalities of the various RAFT lakes be considered when adjudicating drawdowns. Fleischaker said that the arbitrary system of equal percentage drawdowns currently in use should be abandoned in favor of a plan based on individual lake ecologies.

She also said that the CEWF has "no objection to power generation provided that it occurs at existing draws," and does not inhibit flow through to RAFT lakes.



Former MP and Little Glamour Lake resident Roger Young says it's time to get involved.

Also at the head table were CEWF members and contributors Chris Riddle, Ted Spence, Roger Cunningham and Stephen Foster. Cunningham addressed some of the concerns about existing water levels and a laudable effort being undertaken by the staff of the TSW to provide weekly updates and forecasts regarding levels on all the RAFT lakes. Everyone agreed that it's a step forward, but most of the panel did agree that the information and forecasts was quite confusing to the uninitiated. Riddle delivered some information regarding water level maintenance and concluded that a huge infusion of monies is ultimately necessary to bring some sanity to the existing infrastructure. Cunningham and Riddle both allowed that existing dams have structural anomalies that would not allow them to bear up structurally under a full water load scenario. They are just too old to hold water to the high marks and stressing them might cause a washout situation.

Much was also made in the course of the meeting over a spring announcement from local MP Barry Devolin (PC Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock) regarding a $19 million infusion over the next five years for the portion of the TSW that runs through the Haliburton Kawartha area. The $19 million was part of a $63 million commitment undertaken by Environment Minister John Baird in response to the "All About the Water" panel report.

"When you look at what's needed, $63 million is a pittance," said Riddle. He added that infrastructure changes should probably include the option of upgrading the old log dams with modern automated sluice gated dams that would allow for a more rational control of water levels. Current levels in the RAFT lake system are managed by removal and installation of 12-inch logs, a system that is quite unwieldy for lake control as well as being man-hour intensive. Riddle concluded that automated gates would carry a hefty price tag.

"The dollars ($63 million) are laughable under the circumstances," said Fleischaker. "They are pretty well looking for a disaster to happen." Fleischaker wants to make it clear that the CEWF is staunchly behind the current TSW management, who she says are doing their best with the funds available. "Hundreds of millions of dollars have been granted to corporations and many more incentives have been added to power corporations for development," added Fleischaker. To that end the CEWF had prepared a petition to the Right Honorable Stephen Harper, a petition, which now will probably have to be reassessed in the wake of this fall election call. The attendees at the meeting seemed unusually buoyed by the prospect of the election and the subsequent possibilities. It provides a viable platform for action.

To that end, another strategic head table guest was invited to speak and offer his insights at the CEWF general meeting. Roger Young is a man who knows something about political campaigns. Today Young is a full-time resident of the Highlands with a home on Little Glamour Lake. He was formerly Special Assistant to the Minister of Energy, Mines & Resources in Ottawa, from 1968-70 with particular responsibility in the area of nuclear

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Minden Council Considers Iron Mine Landfill Closure

"Let's not scare the troops." (Peter Oyler)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

At their August meeting, the Minden Hills Council reviewed a recommendation from Environmental and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg, to proceed with the closure of the Iron Mine landfill site. The site is located on Davis Lake Road, approximately five kilometers off Highway 35 south of Minden. Romberg asked that Council consider proceeding with notification to residents of the closure. As is often the case with best laid plans however, the recommendation did not go as anticipated, but instead met with stiff opposition, particularly from Councillor Barbara Reid.

Reid was quick to say she would not support the recommendation and that the plan had been to make the site a transfer station, particularly given the drive times to other landfill site for residents in the area. "We have a responsibility to provide services to our ratepayers and closure does not serve our mandate well," she said.

Romberg did refer to Council's previous agreement to close the site by the end of the year and turn it into a transfer station because of surface and ground water issues, not to mention the excessive costs of continuing to try to meet Ministry of Environment regulations. He also said that the cost to construct the transfer station would be prohibitive costing as much as $50,000 in addition to an equal annual amount for ongoing operating costs.

According to Romberg the site doesn't receive a lot of traffic, resulting in his recommendation for permanent closure. He suggested that Council could consider it only be open as a transfer station for six months of the year. Romberg said that the ultimate goal for a transfer station is the Scotch Line site. Romberg also reported that closure of the Iron Mine site would give private enterprise a chance to assist residents in having their items picked up and disposed of at a reasonable cost.

According to Reid however, before any motion is made on the matter, there should be a public consultation process. In fact, Reid said that it had crossed her mind to seek public reaction prior to the meeting, but felt it would only be fair to discuss the matter with Council first.

Councillor Rick Ratcliff was in agreement with Reid, saying he would like to see a transfer station at the Iron Mine site. Ratcliff requested statistics on use, saying that the numbers may lead to a decision for a six or nine month operation.

"A lot more thought must be given to this." (Barbara Reid)

Reeve Jim McMahon recalled that a consultant once suggested that there would be years of use at the site. He also said that the only issue raised about the site was use of land outside the designated footprint. "We haven't examined all of our options," he said. "We have all kinds of land there and we would be doing the wrong thing by closure."

Romberg reminded Council that surface and ground water issues had been raised about the site a number of times over the last several years. "Over the last year alone the site has seen little use and we are simply providing a convenience to residents in the area. If Council wants to spend the money for it to be used as a transfer station it will be costly."

Councillor Bill Obee said, "We'd all like to see some numbers." Obee suggested that Council needed to look at details about the site's life expectancy, the cost to rectify the water problems, whether the site could accept materials from Scotch Line and which site would be better suited as a transfer station.

Romberg clarified that the Iron Mine site had, in fact, reached capacity and that MOE had been kind enough to allow operations to continue. It became apparent that there was some confusion between the Iron Mine site and the Irondale site and Romberg said that the decision was whether to make the site a transfer station or close it entirely. Once again he recommended against making the site a transfer station.

Reid suggested a notice in the paper advising ratepayers that closure is being considered to determine public reaction prior to making a decision. She also suggested that Council could consider shorter number of hours a week rather than being open for a limited number of months each year.

Once again Reid said, "This is an essential service and if the site is closed it will mean impossible distances for people to drive. A lot more thought must be given to this." Reid also said, "This is the only place in Lutterworth that brush can be taken and if it's not available people may start to use unsafe burning practices."

While he agreed that going to the public was a good idea, Oyler said, "Let's not scare the troops." He said council must consider the ministry's position that the site is full and the public should simply be notified that council is considering all its options.

Council agreed to defer the resolution on closure of the site.■

Federal Election Call Dovetails Nicely with Plans for Political Pressure

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energy projects. He was elected Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls from 1974-79 and acted as Chief of Staff to the Government House Leader from 1980-84.

Young said that the election call provided the CEWF with a very real possibility to bring equitable water flow onto the local agenda. "This is a highly frightening time for local MPs," said Young, who added that given their druthers, MPs love to dabble in status quo. This is a time, said Young, to bring some new themes, new tenets to the political table.

"This report (All About Water) has the potential to change a lot of things and we have an opportunity, so let's seize the opportunity," said Young. "I hope everybody in this room will approach all of the candidates and inform them of this issue."

He added that since moving up here from the city he has recognized a huge potential for change. "We are a large part of the economic heart of this community and as we saw here today, this issue is much broader than lake levels," said Young. "The watershed is about more than the locks and the dams along the canal … this panel (on the future of the TSW) turns that notion on its head."

Roger Young was passionate, convincing and stalwart in his belief that elections have the power to compel, to move and to motivate.

"Buttonhole your candidate," said Young. "You can do it personally or by phone … stop into a constituency office; get involved; and most important, approach them all; all of the candidates need to be aware of this issue, so get in their face."

He added that there is significant clout here in the TSW watershed. "If you take the summer residency and tourist visits into account we're dealing with an effective population of 250,000 to 300,000 people affected by this issue.

"Those are big numbers and we've got to get governments thinking that way," added Young.

"I believe in this document and I believe in watershed preservation and we've got to bug the politicians and tell them to get off their duffs and do it."

A Lakeland Conference is slated for Haliburton's Fleming College on Saturday September 27th from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. TSW Panel member and About the Water co-author Greg Bishop will be there along with incumbent Conservative candidate Barry Devolin.■

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Lion's Club Ride Cont'd....

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The riders raised over $4000 for the HHHS, and at the conclusion of the run the Minden Lions Club supplied a spaghetti dinner for all. The best poker hands of the day were by Cheri MacKeigan (first), Jason Rawlands (second) and Helen Williamson (third).

Top pledge collectors were Jerry Walker with $765, Clara Oyler with $1200, Jerry Walker with $765, and Bob Mann with $525.

The Lions and the HHHS would like to thank Tim Hortons, Culligans, Easton's Valumart, the Wilberforce Fire Hall, the Porterville Diner and the Firehouse Restaurant for their support. ■

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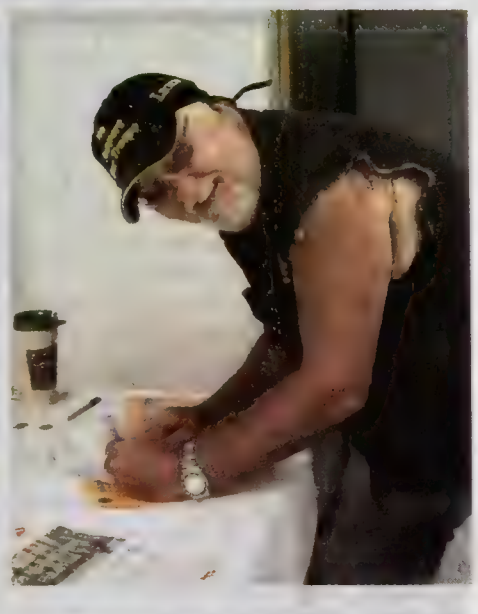

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David Gogo Shows What He's Got

'Blues at the Delta' on the Last Long Weekend of the Summer

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Though the turnout was low for 'Blues at the Delta' with David Gogo, those who did make their way to Delta Pinestone Resort for the Friday, Aug. 29 show witnessed an electrifying performance.

Gogo, the Cordova Bay recording artist, multiple award-winner and Juno-nominated Canadian, was also accompanied by his Ottawa band-mates Andrew Lamarche (drums), Julian St. Martin (keys), Stephen F. Wood (bass) and Becky Abbott (vocals).

Gogo made his way to Haliburton after putting on a show in Ottawa the night before. The Vancouver Island resident was the featured artist for this second 'Blues at the Delta' concert presented by Kashaga Productions, the Delta Pinestone Resort and Moose FM 93.5.

"We had a wonderful dinner here and it was a great place to rock and roll. We didn't get much of a chance to check out the area though," said Gogo after the show. "We would've liked of had a few more people but these are unknown parts for us," he added.

Event organizer Alex Bell also said he would've liked to have seen more people at the show.

"We knew it was a challenge but it was a good risk. The concert turned out to be great fun and I met some new people here," said Bell. "This was like a big house party."

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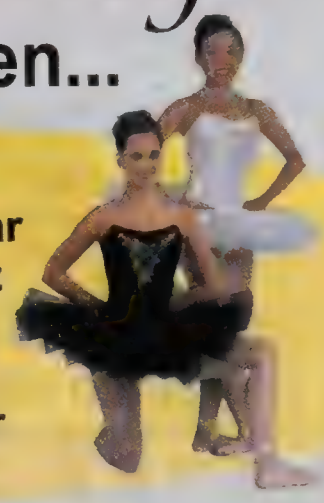

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Knights of Columbus Hold Fundraiser

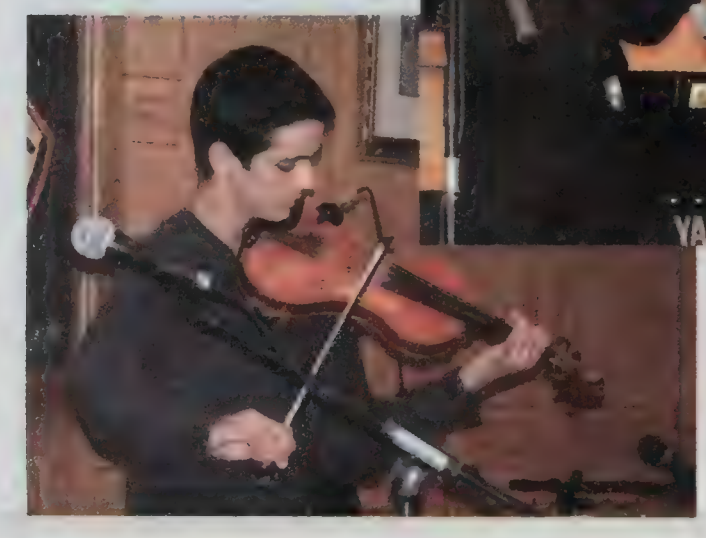
The Knights of Columbus celebrated their 10th year in the community in style at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday, Sept. 6.

A total of 200 people attended the celebration sponsored by Remax that included live entertainment by Catherine Rull and the Merry Mick's, raffle tickets, door prizes and dinner. Half the proceeds from the night will go to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and other local charitable works.

"We thought we'd give back to the community to help the local hospital," said Troy Middlebrooks, Owner Remax Haliburton and Muskoka. "It's great to be able to give them some financial support."

Many fellow Knights came from places like Peterborough, Petawawa, Lindsay and Minden to be at the fundraiser.

The Knights of Columbus in Haliburton consists of 20 members who work hard to increase membership in St. Anthony's Parish and raise funds to donate throughout the community. In the past, the Knights have supported the 4C's food bank, organizations for Unwed Mothers and Right to Life as well as a parish children's liturgy program.



The group has plans underway for youth involvement at the high school level and recreational contests in basketball and soccer.

The Knights of Columbus organization was originally founded in 1882 in New Haven, Connecticut by Father Michael McGivney. The purpose of the group is to aid and support one another in times of sickness or death by means of a simple insurance plan, so that the wives of Knights would not face poverty and other hardships.

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"Not only is the COT the perfect way for people to keep active, stay healthy and experience Ontario's great outdoors, it also fosters community pride and partnerships while enhancing local economies" indicated Andrew Wallen, Chair of the COT Management Group, and General Manager of the Kawartha Lakes Community Futures Development Corporation.

"What's really special about these events is that they have been created by local volunteers who know and love the area trails. They have a passion for what they do and want to share it with other residents and visitors by creating unique trail events" says Barrie Martin, COT project manager and long-time outdoor enthusiast.

This year's events feature a wide range of activities including hiking, paddling, cycling, running, horseback riding and walking, for all levels of fitness. Families and friends can learn about nature, go geocaching, challenge themselves in a variety of adventure races, feel good about supporting a cause or be "spooked" at various Halloween events.

New this year is the Passport to Adventure featuring the 2008 Great Gear Giveaway Contest. This program is designed to encourage local residents and visitors to participate in as many events as possible. The more events they attend, the bigger the prizes that can be won. For more information on the 2008 Celebration of Trails, please visit www.celebrationoftrails.ca

2008 Haliburton County Local Events

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Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008

River Kings Drop Exhibition to Last Year's League Finalists

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Sports Editor

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We learn early never to put too much faith in the pre-season.

Exhibition tilts are not meant to represent a bellwether for future events.

It's a chance for a young team to get a feel for game situations, a chance to assess the opposition before the marquee games begin, and above all, exhibition contests provide an opportunity for line-mates to get a feel for each other's tendencies under game time microscope.

In short, exhibition games are 'what you see is what you get' events.

However, that said, in every exhibition there's a winner and a loser, and last Sunday, the Minden River Kings ended up on the Boot Hill side of a 9-3 decision against visiting south division greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) junior rivals Innisfil Lakers.

The River Kings actually scored the first goal of the game before succumbing to a raft of first period penalties, which set them up for a Laker power play flurry in the opening frame.

The Lakers scored five unanswered goals, the fifth coming at 17:33 of the first frame on a two-man advantage. In all, the Lakers connected on six power play opportunities in the game, an onslaught of man-up activity, which surely led to the glaring discrepancy in puck time and shots-on-goal advantage.

Lakers led 5-1 after one and 8-2 at the end of the second period. The River Kings maintained the edge on the penalty sheet by a margin of two to one and three River King players were shown the gate with game misconduct penalties in the waning minutes of the final period. It was a closely scrutinized game on behalf of our zebra brethren, and that's yet another riddle that gets assessed in exhibition tilts.

Judging from this blueprint, GMHL refs abide no backtalk and the game was pretty non-negotiable on the chip and go side. That's something the River Kings players will have to make a mental booking about as they prepare for the GMHL season opener against South Muskoka Shield next Saturday in Gravenhurst.

On the plus side, the 100 or so fans on hand were treated to some fast-paced, end-to-end action in the final two frames of the game especially. And any doubt about the efficacy of this renegade league to provide fans with solid hockey and exciting action was put to rest shortly after the puck plunked to ice at 6 pm last Sunday at the SG Nesbitt complex. Put succinctly, this league delivers the goods. Good hockey, nice price, good seats and a nice family venue. Fans, from 5 to 75 were all smiling as they left the arena, and that's a great momentum builder as the Kings attempt to show a broad spectrum of local fans that junior A hockey, and the GMHL in particular, is a viable product. And let's face it, in the waning days of summer, with the blunt edge of Hurricane Gustav pelting mercilessly outside, the fact that so many fans came out to watch bodes well for the Kings moving forward into their first GMHL campaign.

The Lakers, who were GMHL finalists last season, (losing to the Bradford Rattlers in the Championship Series) had the edge in play throughout the contest, and they were certainly the more polished team out there last Sunday.

A lot of that may have been due to the edge in preparation time. The Lakers have been practicing with a full complement of players for the past week and a half, whereas, the River Kings,

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Innisfil Lakers Defeat Minden in First Exhibition Game

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The game devolved into a series of scuffles in the waning moments of the third period.

who have been working out with the foreseeable growing pains and first year management issues, haven't really had an opportunity to practice with their full line up.

Minden head coach and GM Mike Jeschke, who was married last Saturday (just to add some other management difficulties into the mix), said that there are still four pieces of the puzzle in absentia, but he expects those four players to be on hand this week.

"We're missing four players and so we were short on defense tonight," said Jeschke. Tyler Crego, a local player who showed a lot of hustle and moxie out there last Sunday, was forced into a defensive role for the game, and a few other players were forced into unaccustomed positions to make up for the four missing players.

Jeschke said that it was a nice overall effort and that things would get sorted out in the defensive end just as soon as the four players arrive.

The head coach and GM added that he was pretty pleased overall with the effort put out by his players, considering that the team had so little in the way of prep time.

"You have to remember that Innisfil were league finalists last season and so I really think we played pretty well tonight," said Jeschke after the game. He added that first period jitters may also have played a role in the digging of the deep, deep opening frame hole.

"Take away a bad first period, and some nerves, and take away those six power play goals and there's a reason to be pretty happy about tonight's game," said Jeschke. "Look, it's an exhibition game and we treat exhibitions a little different," he added. He explained that going in, the object was to play three 20-minute segments and that said, the final two segments went pretty well. In fact, the River Kings played all three of their goaltenders, one per frame, and all three showed considerable moxie, considering that missing defensive quotient, which Jeschke said will be addressed this week as the missing players rotate in.

The three goaltenders Andrew Shelby, Jeremy Scheafer and Robert Randles all played a solid twenty and provided some yeoman service in between the pipes, especially considering the glaring discrepancy in manpower and power play situations.

On the offensive end, Minden River Kings fans may be in for a special multi-national treat this season. Without a doubt, the super talented KMM connection is giving fans something to build on. And how. This River Kings first line, consisting of Kevin Moderer, Bret Myers and Toby Kathan (KMM) provided some eye-popping insight into the River King offensive possibilities. Moderer and Kathan, free-wheeling puck magicians from Austria and Germany respectively, both scored a goal and an assist in the game. Linemate Myers from Minnesota added an assist on Kathan's goal. The KMM connection are simpatico in a five-on-five situation, but they also pulled the lion's share of penalty killing and power play ice time, proving in the nonce that they will provide the Kings with a pretty potent punch as we head into the GMHL season.

Derick Rosas had the other goal in the waning moments of the tilt, on a nice steal and go, ice-long jump that he finished with a flurry after an initial stop looked to have him stymied.

On the flip side, Innisfil's Caleb Lister notched a hat trick and Conor Hendrey scored twice to lead the Lakers. Daniel Damaso, Anthony Gambicorda, Alexi Kulikolskiy and Manny Lopez scored single tallies to round out the Laker scoring.

Overtime: The River Kings will open their season in Gravenhurst against the South Muskoka Shield next Saturday evening (Sept 13th). The home opener is slated for the SG Nesbitt Arena on Sunday September 14th at 6pm. The Kings play host to the Brock Bucks. As stated, this is a great event for the whole family and a pretty nice ride for the money. Questions? Get in touch with Voice sports at terrance@countyvoice.ca.■

Some smash mouth hockey was in evidence as River Kings struggled with penalties.

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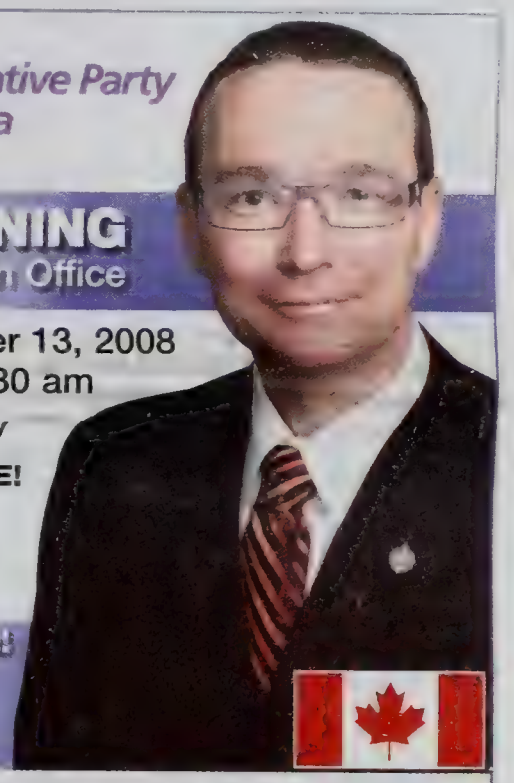

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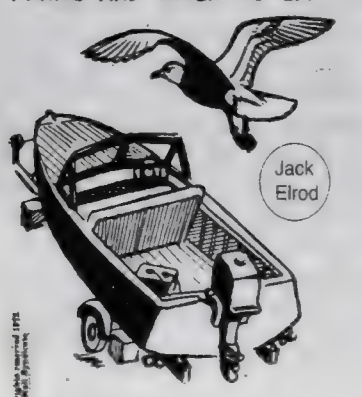

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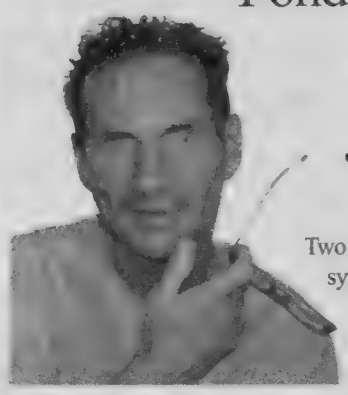
Fond Memories of the Ottawa 67's and Coach Killer Kilrea, Johnny Bower, George Armstrong and Denis Potvin



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Two events spiraled past my jangled synapses last week, dovetailing nicely into a classic mnemonic.

I was at Minden's SG Nesbitt Arena last Saturday to watch our new local junior hockey team, the Minden River Kings gird for a season of Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) action with an exhibition tilt against southern division rival Innisfil Lakers.

The hockey itself was great. Terrific end-to-end action, a few blow-ups, the requisite bad calls and the de rigueur fanciful flights and up ice flurries.

I was most besieged however, by the atmosphere. The fans, the smiling kids, the smell of coffee, hot dogs and the camaraderie, as locals schmoozed in the snack bar area between periods. It reminded me that while junior hockey is about the game, it's also very heavily invested in the notion of community. Part of that rests with the familiar relation that fans have with players and coaches.

Kids can punch fists and knock elbows with players in between periods and after games. Fans can sometimes buttonhole a coach at the local coffee emporium. This is not always recommended, especially if you're using your Tim Horton's napkin as chalkboard, diagramming plays and addressing strategy. The point is though, it's possible. With junior hockey, it's all about the input and the exercise. And the quality time.

There is an intimacy that one can't duplicate with a trip to the city to watch the Leafs.

Put simply, local junior hockey provides fans with a superb night of entertainment at a reasonable price.

So last Sunday, the Minden River Kings brought me back to Ottawa and a recent announcement emanating from the brick shores of the Rideau Canal. An announcement, which, for me at least, overshadowed Mr. Harper's rather tepid and whimsical call to arms.

Brian Kilrea, the long time coach of the Ottawa 67s, announced last week that he will be retiring at the end of the 2008-09 season. The Killer leaving? An era's end. The good news is that he will be staying on as GM, but the venerable old coach says that at 73, it's time to step aside.

The news brought me back to my own experience with junior hockey, way back in the late sixties, early seventies. The Ottawa 67's came to town in 1967, a Centennial project that evolved from the building of the Ottawa Civic Center. Ottawa fans took to the team right away, adopting the team as part of the extended family.

Coach Killer Kilrea with his ever present stogie.

A short year after the franchise was entrenched and ensconced in the bowels of the Civic Centre, the team signed defenseman Denis Potvin.

Potvin, an Ottawa native, jumped on board in 1968 and played for five seasons with the 67s. In his final season, 1972-73. he established an OHA single-season record for defensemen with 123 points. He went first overall in the 1973 NHL draft to the Islanders, but for me Potvin will always be a 67. Potvin, tough as nails, two-way demon, disarming shot, quick first step and, above all, a heady leader. Potvin was also the only 67 player that actually looked good in what everyone will recall was the ugliest uniform in OHA history. Most players looked like walking barber poles in that dreadful uni. Potvin somehow wore that bit of ugly with regal aplomb. I don't know how he pulled it off, but I'm assuming his frenetic playing style just kept our mind off the vapid color scheme.

He played several seasons alongside Ian Turnbull and together they formed a defensive pairing that was prepossessing, productive and above all approachable. Potvin established a legitimacy and subsequent legacy for junior hockey in Ottawa, a viability that went unchallenged even when the 67s later had to share the old Civic Center with the Ottawa Nationals of the World Hockey Association. Some said that the WHA would undermine junior hockey's sway in the Nation's Capital.

On the contrary. It went the other way. The Nats couldn't draw flies (except to Winnipeg Jets and Quebec Nordique tilts) and a lot of that went down to loyalty. Junior fans are not bandwagon jumpers. A lot of that Nats' failure also went to timing. The Nationals and the WHA came to town in 1972-73, the same year that Potvin was having that stellar breakout season.

I remember watching those Potvin inspired teams. We went to almost all of the home games, my cronies and I, in our high school years. We went because it was affordable and because the hockey was great. It was a night out. It was an event. Junior fans are true blue. Junior fans develop a significant and viable bond with the players and coaches. Junior fans are pretty forgiving. We're like that with family. We went at the beginning though for one major reason. Denis Potvin.

My most memorable moment came over a Christmas vacation when the 67s had a tilt against a visiting Russian squad. I remember at the end of the first period, a Russian player becoming entangled with Potvin and unwisely throwing a punch. Potvin fired back and the player went down with an appropriate thud. (Remember that this was in the days when Russian teams were not at all familiar with the art of the fisticuff, and those that did fight parlayed their pugnacity with Marquis of Queensbury rules, etiquette not recommended when you're tangling with OHA sneaky quick enforcers.) Potvin turned to leave, only to see another player's fist aimed at his melon. Potvin returned fire and suddenly there were two Russian players on the ice. Meanwhile, Potvin was trying vainly to follow his teammates, who were unaware of the festivities and fireworks unfolding behind them as they headed down the corridor to the dressing room. The fans, who had been making their way to concessions, suddenly stopped and turned around to follow the action.

From the other end of the Civic Centre another Russian player sees comrade on the floor and flies cross ice to confront Potvin who turns just in time to greet him with a quick right. And poof, another fallen comrade on the deck. Talk about your lumpen proletariat. I figure that this incident marked the real start of the cold war. (I now think Potvin was just issuing some payback for Gerda Munsinger.)

And as the three Russians struggled to get back to their feet, Potvin shrugged to two linesmen, arriving late to the scene. He shrugged again and then ambled calmly into the corridor and off the ice.

Killer came to the 67s in 1974-75 and he provided a soothing tonic for Ottawa fans undergoing symptoms of Potvin withdrawal. Killer was an Ottawa lad, with a pretty comprehensive amateur CV. Again, his presence spoke to community, to fellowship. Through his tenure, Kilrea always said it's about the boys. About the teaching. About the fellowship. Brian Kilrea infused the club with that sense of belonging.

Kilrea coached the 67s to two Memorial Cups, three OHL titles, nine divisional crowns, and more than 1,100 wins in more than 2,000 games.

For a lot of hockey fans in Ottawa, Kilrea is the touchstone, that gentle mnemonic, that reminder and a harbinger to not quite misspent youth. Trips down Bank Street on the bus. Friday nights at the Civic Centre.

I remember another game, sitting in the blues at the Civic Centre and my buddy tapping me on the shoulder and nodding backward.

I looked back and in the row behind us sat Johnny Bower (Leaf scout at that time and former Leaf goaltender) and George Armstrong (Maple Leaf captain and Stanley Cup winner). My face dropped and they both smiled back and asked us for our names. My buddy with the big mouth kept a running commentary throughout the final period. They were generous to a fault. And then my big mouth friend turned to Mr. Armstrong. "Hey George," he said. ""I know Johnny's here scouting the game, but I didn't know that you were a scout."

Bower and Armstrong chuckled, exchanged knowing glances, and George replied with the wisp of a smile.

"Son, I've always been a scout."

Junior hockey was like that. Still is. A night out. A chance to share a story or two. A little gossip. Hot dog, some cold coffee.

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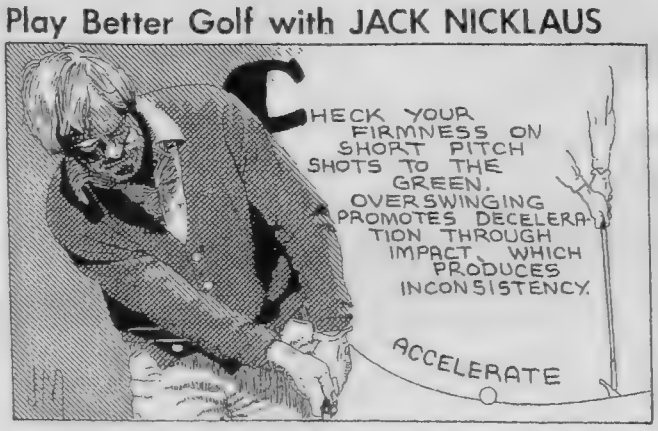

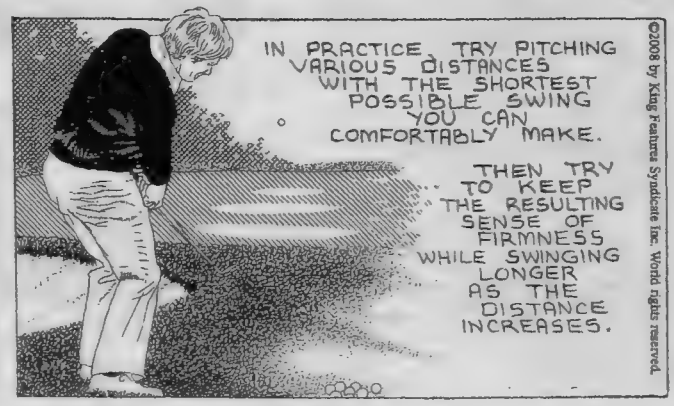

Senior Football Looking Forward to a Season with "Numbers"

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Senior Ranks Bolstered by Junior Influx this Year

Red Hawks will need to run the ball this year.

Football is and always has been a game of numbers.

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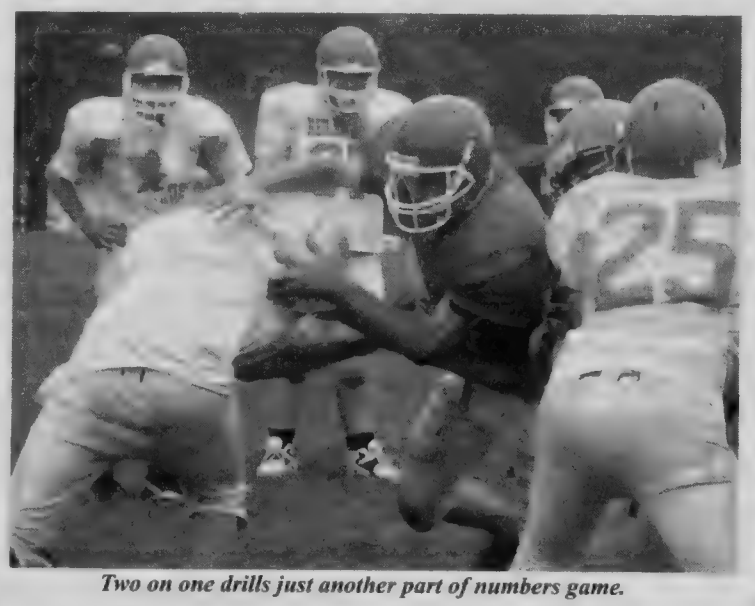
Two on one drills just another part of numbers game.

"Twenty-three option, I - right, dive 19 – audible out on five-five – set - on TWO!"

Numbers, numbers everywhere.

Haliburton High Red Hawk senior football coaches Tim Davies and Derek Little know a little bit about numbers. There are good numbers and bad numbers. They know that numbers are fickle things. Like the man once said, referring to the grainy hierarchy of the numbers game, "there are lies, damn lies and there are statistics." Davies and Little know that numbers can be deceptive.

In 2008, there is one number that remains unambiguous for Little and Davies, however, and it has nothing at all to do with dive plays, post patterns, staggered snap counts or defensive sets.

Nope. This year it's the number of players in camp that have both Davies and Little beaming from ear to ear.

"We have over 40 players this year," says Davies. That's a welcome change from last season and a 1-4 Red Hawk squad that had to struggle with low roster counts. "We only had 26 players last season," says Davies. That didn't leave much room for special teams allocation or much in the way of wiggle room in the case of injuries, says Davies. Consider that ideally you're looking at 12 offensive and 12 defensive sets, a kicker and a punter and some specialty players and you get an appreciation for the inherent struggle involved in trying to manage a 26-man roster without doubling up on certain players.

And so the huge influx from last year's Red Hawk junior squad is seen as a big plus as the Red Hawk seniors enter their 2008 campaign.

"Of the 26 players we had last year, 20 were grade eleven kids and we'll be getting most of those players back," says Davies. And if you do the rudimentary math and tally those numbers, Davies says that this senior squad is entering the season with a plethora of potential.

"So we've got kids who started for us last season coming back and we've also got kids coming up from a junior team that played two playoff games last year," says Davies. Thus, with solid numbers intact on the roster, the coaching staff is left with the enviable task of putting together an offence and defense from a solid core of veterans and a talented and seasoned group of junior players, some of whom will be ready to step up to the plate and play starting and possibly stellar roles this year.

"The nice part, aside from the number of players, is that the junior players all have the benefit of those two extra games that they played last year in playoffs, and that's very important, because as I was telling a couple of those players last week, those two extra games add experience and mental toughness," says Davies.

He says that aside from the bump in actual roster numbers, both he and Little have seen some excellent signs in two weeks of conditioning and practice drills, signs that point to the possibility of a breakout season.

"We've got that huge base of veteran grade 12s and now we're getting all those juniors who are coming off a great season last year," says Davies. "So I can say that we're bigger and were faster, we've got more depth and we're more experienced than last year."

And since the weather in the Highlands will be playing its inevitable role in the mix as the season maneuvers to the cold and dreary dog days of autumn, the senior Red Hawks will want to have a solid running attack.

"We'd like to be able to run the ball and we'll also have to stop the run," says Davies. "I think we'll be able to do both, because we've got some decent size on both the offensive and defensive lines this year."

As ever, a team goes as its quarterback goes. (See 2008-09 New York Jets and a guy named Favre for efficacy reference) Davies says the Hawks are running ahead of the curve in the pivot spot because the penciled starter is senior Nathan Woodcock and he started every game for the Red Hawks as a junior last season. "He's got that year of experience now and so we're definitely excited about this season," says Davies.

Another unexpected addition comes with the inclusion of Brock Brown who is back for a fifth year at HHSS. He's a running back who brings a wealth of experience and football savvy to the Red Hawk cauldron. Brown has experience playing with an under-17 football squad and Davies says that he will be fulfilling a much appreciated leadership role in addition to providing some pop to the running game.

The Senior Red Hawks will travel to Campbellford District High School next Friday, September 19th for their season opener. The home opener is tentatively slated for the next Thursday, September 25th, with doubleheader (Junior/Senior) game time set for 1 pm.

"We're definitely looking at improving and we're pretty confident that we'll have a good season," says Davies.

But they'll be playing by the numbers, keeping in mind that most rudimentary of all football tenets.

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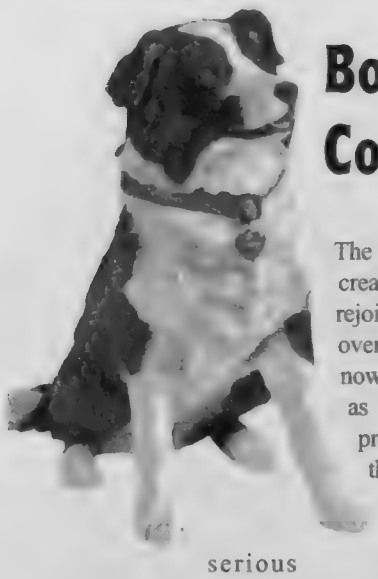

Border Collies Considered for Humane Goose Control in Minden

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

The Canada Goose, such a majestic creature that used to be cause for rejoicing each spring as they soared overhead on their return north, are now creating very mixed feelings as they become increasingly prolific across the country. With the sesquicentennial rapidly approaching, the Minden Hills Council continues to take a serious look at solutions to the problems associated with geese along the Gull River.

Last month Rick Cox, Director of Community Services presented a number of options for Council's consideration. In his report Cox's suggested a multi-faceted approach including shoreline plantings, noise makers, automated sprinklers, low wire fences, egg addling or nest and egg destruction as well as bird relocation. Another suggestion was the use of swans which are considered to be a natural enemy that aggressively protect their own young from geese in the area.

Cox also suggested the use of specially trained dogs. At Council's meeting on August 28th this option was explored in more detail with a presentation by Gail Perrin, of Silhouette Goose Dogs who offered her services, along with that of her trained Border Collies to aid in the reduction of nuisance geese in Minden.

Perrin drew Council's attention to information on the Ducks Unlimited website that suggests that biologists now believe there are more Canada Geese in North American than at any other time in history. This leads to ever increasing property damage, human health and safety issues, water quality concerns and problems associated with aggressive geese during nesting and brood rearing periods.

Perrin referred to the time, effort and money that have gone into creating the community's Riverwalk. She said it would be a shame to see people become discouraged from using the walk before it is even finished.

According to Perrin the most effective and environmentally sensitive method of controlling nuisance geese is to use Border Collies trained to herd and haze the geese, but not hurt them. Perrin says that the geese have no way of knowing that there is no threat and perceive the dogs as predators. Believing themselves to be in danger, the geese leave the area of their own accord. By utilizing the dogs in an unpredictable schedule the geese become convinced that the area is unsafe for feeding and nesting and eventually move on to other areas.

In her report to Council, Perrin said that the ideal time to initiate a goose control program is early in the spring when the geese start to arrive. Another peak period to control geese is in the fall when many of the geese are foraging for food prior to the winter. Hazing in the spring acts as a deterrent to geese settling and nesting. Should the geese find a secluded area where they feel safe from the dogs, Perrin suggests egg oiling or addling as additional population control.

Perrin also reported that the use of Border collies has been widely accepted and has proved to be extremely successful in Toronto, Brampton and Oakville. According to Perrin the City of Toronto has several dogs in service, patrolling waterfront areas from Pickering to Mississauga.

Perrin had some pretty amazing numbers to demonstrate the worst of the problem. She gave an example starting with 20 adult geese in the spring, which with the number of eggs laid by each breeding pair would result in 70 geese by fall. If 50 of these were in breeding condition and raised an average of 5 young each year, by the following fall there would be as many as 175 geese in the area. She explained that if the same percentage of geese returned to breed the following spring that would mean as many as 122 nesting geese raising 305 goslings, for a total of 427 geese by that fall, leaving an astronomical 640 pounds of feces daily. As Perrin says, "Quite a mess after only two years."

> "One of my dogs is an absolute workaholic." (Gail Perrin)

Councillor Peter Oyler commented on the success of a similar program used at the Pinestone Resort a few years ago. Oyler referred to Council's resolution in July that acknowledged the recommendations made in Cox's report and agreeing that the costs would be considered during next year's budget deliberations. He said, "We have created the problem and it is up to us to solve it."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "This problem must be solved prior to the sesquicentennial or the Riverwalk will be a very slippery slope with the number of geese we have."

Perrin reviewed rates being charged in other areas and offered rates to the Minden Council that are very competitive. She described one of her dogs as a 'workaholic', but she also suggested setting up a Goose Watch bulletin board where details of goose sightings could be posted. She said this would involve the community in the problem and help considerably in scheduling the best time to haze the geese most efficiently.

Perrin suggested that by implementing a goose control program now, many of the geese would start to spend their days feeding in other locations. By implementing more intense controls early in the spring the returning geese would be deterred from nesting in the same areas.

Council made no specific commitments, but agreed to consider Perrin's proposal during their budget deliberations for next year.■

What's Up Doc?

by Carol Sanio D.V.M.
from the Minden Animal Hospital

On the loss of a pet...

One of the hardest things in life to do is to say good bye to a beloved pet. They become one of the family. They are the family member that never complains, never judges, is always happy to see you and always forgives you. The only problem is that they do not outlive us. We often have to say good bye by making a decision to euthanize. Most of us privately hope our old and sick animals will curl up comfortably on the bed and go peacefully to sleep and not wake up. Unfortunately, that does not always happen.

If you are grieving for a pet that is ill or dying or has already passed away, you are not alone. It is as painful as losing a best friend. The process of grieving is the same as the loss of a human friend or family member. Children in a family can have a great deal of trouble dealing with the pets' loss but some children can grieve and get over the loss better than adults. There are parent's guides to help children cope with the death of a pet and help for parents on how to talk to young children of different ages about death. An example is "When friendship Lives Beyond the Stars" by Amy Sugar.

Adults that speak to co-workers or friends about a pet loss can run into non-pet owners that really do not understand the bond that people have with pets and say things like, "buy a new one, he was old anyhow, it was only a dog". These comments can be far from helpful and just point to the fact that they do not enjoy the human-animal bond that others enjoy. The human-animal bond has been proven to relieve stress, lower blood pressure, help surgery patients recover faster, give the elderly a purpose in life, encourage the mentally handicapped to relate to the world around them and much, much more than that. Anyone that does not know or understand how pets can enhance the life of the ill or handicapped should go to a home where people take pets for visits on a weekly basis and see how the animals brighten the place. When I was doing this weekly at an Alzheimer patient home, the reactions of the patients was unbelievable. People that previously would not speak at all, had lengthy conversations with a golden retriever. Patients that would not respond to people, would not interact with the world, would pat a cat for hours, comb it and feed it daily. All you need to do is look at the bright smiles on their faces and you know how the animals help.

Those who have had the pleasure of being loved by and loving a pet also had the pleasure of unconditional love, companionship and knowing the special meaning of the human animal bond. Others may not appreciate the emotional feelings that can occur when that bond is broken. Veterinarians are keenly aware of the balance between extending an animal's life and prolonging its suffering. It is never an easy thing to do, no matter how often you have done it.

When you are grieving, you may want to seek some support, prepare a tribute to your pet (a scrapbook), attend a pet-loss support group, write a story of fun times had with your pet, foster an animal or walk your neighbour's dog to get some temporary care of another animal or do something in your pets' memory.

There are a number of pet loss support groups now. Some meet in person, some with a group, some are on-line or on telephone support lines. All are worth checking into if you are having difficulties getting over your loss.

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Horoscopes
It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes-hidden side of you

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already-paired Arian twosomes experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use that strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" simply on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable. But don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career. But try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on that green-eyed monster. Jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's good points, concentrate on developing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning that trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) That upbeat mood in the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadline, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy. But the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be the better for it. A close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. And even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert.

Super Crossword IT?

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1 Pay hike?
7 Chore
11 Styptic pencil stuff
15 Predicament
19 Model Kim
20 Press
21 It's a long story
22 "Inter —"
23 Start of a remark
26 Fluff the flour
27 Mr. Hammarskjold
28 Composer Satie
29 Majors or Marvin
30 Layers
32 Had kittens?
33 Postern and portcullis
36 Main squeeze
37 "— culpa"
39 Heavenly hunter
40 "I bet!"
41 Part 2 of remark
46 Faux —
49 Fireworks reaction
50 "— Boulevard" ('50 film)
51 They may be rolled
52 Billings or Mostel
53 Neighbor of Miss.
54 "— Blade" ('96 film)
55 Leans
57 It's taken by nurses
58 Sharp taste
60 Skater Midori
61 Wine choice
62 Nabokov novel
63 Kukla's colleague
65 Part 3 of remark
68 Fail to mention
69 Tedious
71 Sues or Shepard
72 Boathouse item
74 Objectives
77 Take on
78 Pack of partridges
80 Like many gyms
82 Cornfield cry
83 Calcium oxide
84 Non-stereo
85 Peaceful
86 Chemist Remsen
87 Singer Joey
88 Part 4 of remark
92 Heady quaffs
93 Respond to an alarm?
94 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
95 Fop's neckwear
98 Marsh bird
99 Facts, for short
102 Georgia athletes
103 Brit. fliers
104 Way to go?
105 Clean-air org.
108 Serenade accompaniment
109 End of remark
115 Fragrance
116 Peace of mind
117 "My word!"
118 Swimmer Gertrude
119 "Circus Boy" prop
120 Prophet
121 Lorre role
122 Triangular sail

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1 Spoke out
2 — Romeo
3 — shui
4 Medieval weapon
5 Kitchen gadget
6 Grenoble's river
7 Walrus weapon
8 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
9 NCO
10 It may be major
11 Fatheads
12 — bloomer
13 "Yuck!"
14 Mehta and Muti
15 Iraqi city
16 Homeric work
17 Cool
18 Base stuff?
24 Bream of baseball
25 Actress Graff
31 "— Angel" ('60 smash)
32 "Pshaw!"
33 "Peer Gynt" composer
34 Non-standard contraction
35 "Mazel —!"
36 Fills the bill
37 Dough
38 Wharton work
39 "Smilla's Sense —" ('97 film)
40 Actuary's fig.
41 Ditch under a drawbridge
42 Road curve
43 Decree
44 Step — (hurry)
45 Nick of "The Deep"
46 Party animal?
47 Guy Fri.
48 Queens stadium
52 Raul of "The Addams Family"
55 At present
56 Rock's — Butterfly
57 Petite pooch
59 Bellyache
61 Journalist Ernie
62 Mime Yarnell
64 Picnic crasher?
66 Devastation
67 Fashionable event
69 Like Mussorgsky's mountain
70 Garfield's pal
73 Actor Guinness
75 Tie the knot
76 Fluctuate
78 Telescope view
79 Responsibility
80 Wired
81 — Plaines, IL
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90 Psychic Geller
91 — Paulo, Brazil
95 Uncouth
96 Boca —, FL
97 Ward off
98 Morley of "60 Minutes"
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101 Singer Payne
102 Ink stain
103 Trick
104 Carthaginian queen
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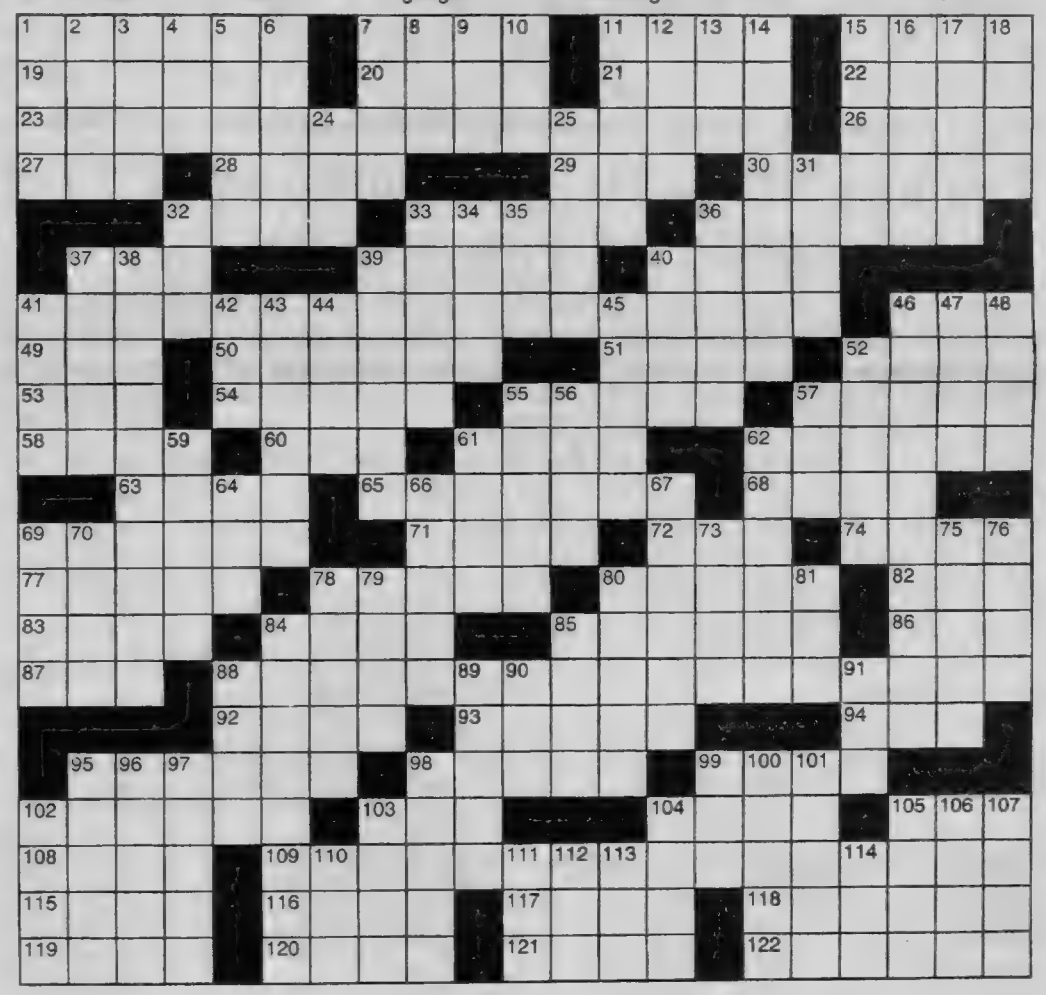

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Haliburton High Red Hawks Gird for Football Season

Junior Football Club Bursting with Potential

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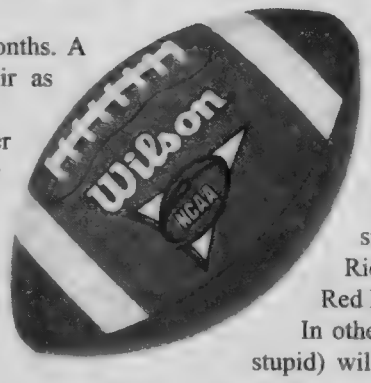

September and October are moody months. A schizophrenic schism cuts through the air as summer sails stodgily to fall.

And if you're a football fan, or have ever played the game, this is also a time of year that prompts some pretty vivid memories. Fingertips stretch, juke and jive sideline tally, a late hold on third and goal, or an open field, one-on-one takedown on a special team assignment.

Wind sprints at dusk on a sun-filled afternoon, or laps in a cold bleating rain. Sunday afternoons spent watching the beginning of the NFL season and Friday evenings watching your favorite CFL squad play to a season's denouement.

Haliburton High Red Hawks junior football players have been lucky thus far. The seasonal schizophrenic shift is showing no signs of Sybil … yet. The first few weeks of rugged practice, the laps, the sprints, the drills and the close-section hitting sessions have been conducted under fair skies and soft flowing breezes.

Of course that will all change as the twin personalities of autumn in the Highlands take their turns on the stage. The bluster will come. Sybil will descend. And like Dylan once said, "Hard rain's a-gonna' fall." And when it does, one better not be relying on a West Coast aerial assault, because it's darn hard to throw a ball in October, in Cottage Country, in a sliding rain, when the fingers are numb.

Junior coach Bruce Griffith is entering his 23rd season with the Red Hawks football program and in that almost quarter century he knows that in football, as in life, you can't prepare for every eventuality, but you can certainly narrow the odds. The vertical attack will be an option, but Griffith says his junior squad will first be schooled in the philosophy of the smash mouth. And so there will be less Jerry Rice and more Forrest Gump involved in the Red Hawk junior playbook this year.

In other words, the KISS regimen (keep it simple stupid) will be in effect for Hal High's junior squad especially in the early games. Last year's junior team went to the Kawartha Finals, losing to Peterborough's Holy Cross in a close game.

Of course there is a standard rule of thumb in junior football, especially at small schools. A successful season is almost always met by a mass exodus of important role players as the grade ten players muster up to the senior ranks. Griffith, and co-coach Ron Yake will be building on last year's success, but will also have to handle the de rigueur departures and fill key roles vacated by sophomore rotation.

Griffith says that his squad will once again be stressing the basics and because it's a young team, there will be an obvious reliance on that sound running game on offence, and some basic formations on defence.

"We had a lot of grade 10s starting last year and we've obviously lost them, and so now it's a question of putting the pieces of the jig-saw together with new players and our returning players from last season," says Griffith.

But Griffith also explained that the bulk of the other schools in the conference all face that same problem, and it will be a question of assembling those pieces in a manner that best meshes with the personality of the team.

The weather of course will play a key role in determining what the Red Hawk juniors will be doing on offence. "We know we're going to get bad weather and so we'll be looking at lots of running plays, dives, powers and pitches," says Griffith.

Andrew Elia will start at quarterback and linebacker Brandon Yake will probably anchor the other side of the ball, calling defensive formations.

There are 43 players in camp this year, a good number, but Griffith says that declining enrolment has taken its toll on overall junior numbers especially over the last five seasons. "It's a good turnout, but our numbers are down," says Griffith.

That said, it's a nice touch that here in the Highlands at HHSS no player that comes out for football is cut. They come out, and if they're willing to do the work, they stay.

Griffith says that with the graduation of a lot of first stringers, there will be some grade nines involved in key roles on both offence and defense. Of course, Griffith says that there are upsides in that equation, because it will provide the squad with a good base of starters looking ahead to the 2010 season. That's another thing about this game. One season starts, but the discerning coach, especially one who has been in the biz for two plus decades is never far from Doc Brown's DeLorean. This season must dovetail into the next. It's part of that back to the future building process and it's why drills, basics and sound foundation is so important, even for the players who might not be starting this year. Next year is always on the horizon.

This year, Griffith says that the run oriented offence will be looking at Elia for stability and at Kevin Nelson to provide some solid run support. "Kevin is a tail back and he's big and he's fast, so we'll be looking at him to help us out on the ground," says Griffith. Jacob Outram also figures into the equation for blocking and run support at the fullback position.

But right now, Griffith says that a lot of the grade nines are coming in without a real grounding in the sport. There is no developmental program in the Highlands for football and Griffith says that most of his kids come with a very solid background in hockey, but will be on a large learning curve this fall. "We teach them the basics, how to stand and how to run," says Griffith. Patience and guidance are the keys to junior development and Griffith is looking for another nice run this season.

The Red Hawks kick off their season on the road next Friday September 19th at Campbellford. And for now, it looks like the Red Hawk junior and senior home openers are set for Thursday September 25th with the first crunch set for 1 pm.■

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Reeve Burton tells Voice, "There's always more than one side to most stories."

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When they presented themselves to Council, Reeve Dave Burton asked Haight to stick to the facts and the building code. And stick to the facts Haight certainly did. He came bearing a stack of back-up documents, including excerpts from Ontario's Building Code Act (the Act), the Ontario Building Officials Association's Code of Ethics, information drawn from Highlands East's own website about the process of applying for building permits and correspondence from another designer who had some serious allegations to make about Dunsmore when he worked in another municipality.

Larry Haight of Compudraft Design Services and Sharon Lonergan of Rob Lonergan Contracting speak frankly with the Highlands East Council about continuing problems with their Chief Building Official

Haight read sections from the Act which defines the Council as the principal authority responsible to establish and enforce a code of conduct for their CBO. This code of conduct should include appropriate standards of behaviour and enforcement actions, to prevent practices that constitute abuse of power or unethical practices and to promote honesty and integrity while working on behalf of the Municipality.

In his presentation Haight said, "Our frustrations with delays in issuing building permits seems to have been misinterpreted. Our concerns were not with the workload of the CBO and his need for an assistant, but our view is that he is spending an excessive amount of time reviewing plans and doing inspections, with the intent to find fault." Haight asked Council why none of the neighbouring Townships have similar issues with their building sectors.

Haight also said he had canvassed numerous building departments in the area and found that the turnaround times for issuing building permits varied from one to no more than 10 days. In fact the Act requires that a CBO conduct a full review and issue a permit for a single family dwelling within 10 days of receiving all the necessary information and fees. If a permit is not issued, a letter stating the reasons shall be issued within that same time frame. Haight gave the details of an application process with Dunsmore that took over a month with part of the application still not being approved.

According to Haight Dunsmore has abused his position and authority, has withheld permits, caused delays to construction without cause and has made no effort to work with the community. He said, "The building sector is in dire straits because of your CBO's excessive and petty demands and we need it to end now."

The kicker to Haight's presentation was an invoice submitted to Council for $5,418 for lost hours addressing issues raised by the CBO.

Councillor Gary Stoughton said, "This situation is getting worse all the time. I thought the problems were only in the Paudash area, but this is bad and we need to straighten it out."

Then it was Lonergan's turn who said that her entire life had been turned upside down. Lonergan said that one of their clients, Les Liversidge, had reached the point where he was going to cancel his building project if a permit wasn't in place by the Labor Day weekend. The long awaited permit had been expected much earlier in the summer and had still not been issued for all the necessary buildings at the time of reporting.

This raised the eyebrows of several Council members who had been given a report by their CBO that the permit in question had been issued the previous week. According to Lonergan Dunsmore required a separate application for the garage and that hasn't been issued. She said, "All of the work must be done together. The foundations are done at the same time." Lonergan went on to say that Liversidge's project would be the last one done in Highlands East by their firm.

Lonergan also gave examples of Dunsmore showing up late for scheduled inspections and of losing drawings and PDF files sent to him. She said, "This is a wide spread problem. Dunsmore is making a mockery of Council and those who hired him. He has no compassion or concern for anyone."

Both Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie and Reeve Dave Burton assured the delegates that they understood the problem. Burton said Council would be holding a closed session to discuss the matter.

Todd Bertram, another contractor present at the meeting said, "The answers you are giving us today are the same as that given at the previous meeting. We deserve something else."

Later in the day Burton reported that Council held a lengthy closed session and discussed concerns raised in detail. Burton said, "There's always more than one side to most stories. While we believe he has been overworked and Council has hired a plans examiner and inspector to assist Dunsmore, Council has also given a number of recommendations to our CAO to follow through with him. It is still our hope that communications will improve and permits will be forthcoming."■

Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation

Vacancy on Board of Directors

The Board of the Corporation invites interested persons to apply to serve on the Board. The Board is seeking members to fill one vacancy beginning January 1, 2009. One, two or three year terms are possible.
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Applicants are asked to submit their applications and any supporting information such as resumés to:

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Lindsay, ON K9V 4S7
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New Date!

Mnemonic Imagery: Workshop with Ben Darrah

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
Saturday September 20, 2008
10 am - 4 pm

Use your memory to draw a picture of what you did last summer. For the back to school set this is a familiar "get to know you" lesson. As we age memory takes on a new dimension. For one thing, it gets cluttered up! A single image may trigger another and before long mnemonic doors to the past are opening one after the other. The mind is a wonderful thing! What about common memory, and shared experience? Could it be that part of the appeal of tradition landscape paintings is they are pathways to our shared experience? The sunset, the Muskoka chair on the dock. What do they evoke or say to us? The landscape is changing, have we? Join this lively, hands-on workshop on Saturday, September 20 and find out. Come prepared to stretch your mind and challenge you artistic sensibilities.

Mnemonic Images and how they trigger memory will be explored on Saturday September 20 with artist Ben Darrah during a workshop at Rails End gallery & Arts Centre. "I am passionate about making art and helping others learn how to find their artistic voices," says Darrah. Ben will work with participants using print images, copies, found pictures, personal artwork and a variety of image manipulations to dissect, reassemble and select images from our personal memory banks and in the world around us. The workshop is geared to students, hobbyists and professional artists with an interest in how mnemonic symbols and imagery can be used to enhance the creative process and understanding. Fee: $45 includes lunch and all materials. New and renewing Gallery members can pick up a coupon for $20 off by visiting the Gallery in person or calling 457-2330 to register. Visit www.railsendgallery.com for information of this and other Gallery programs.■

Death Notice

Florence Webb (Resident of Haliburton,Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday September 2, 2008 in her 87th year. Beloved wife of the late Leslie James Scheffee and the late Walter Neville Webb. Loving mother of Joyce (Rick Bain), Jim (Arlene), Gordon (Susan) all of Haliburton, Lynn (Stephen Best) of Edmonton and Larry of Seattle, Washington. Cherished step-mother of Jean (Joe Iles) of Haliburton and Donna (Bruce Purdy) of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jeff, Derek, Chad, Greg, Lianne, Teressa, Jessica, Elisa, Timothy, Andy and her thirteen great grandchildren. Dear sister of Wilson, Donna, Douglas, Diane, William, Lynda. Predeceased by her sisters Bonnie, Patricia and brothers Wallace, Harry, Gerald and Donald. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday evening, September 4, 2008 from 6 - 9 p.m. Then to ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 617 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Friday morning, September 5, 2008 for visitation from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Private interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or St. George's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.

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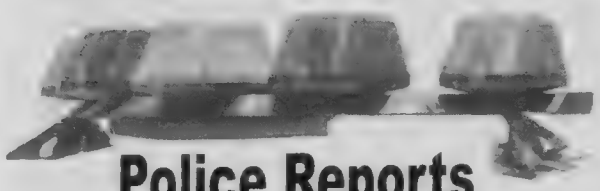

Police Reports

Two Males Charged in Paynes Road Break and Enter

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged two males as a result of an investigation into a break and enter on Paynes Road in late July of this year.

Officers were called on August 15, 2008 by the victim to investigate two break and enters that had occurred at his property on Paynes Road in the Township of Highlands East. As a result of the investigation the following two males have been charged.

Jason Edward Nimigon 33 years of Dysart Et Al has been charged with Break and Enter X2 and Theft Under $5000 X2.

Stephen James Higgins 36 years of Dysart Et Al has been charged with Break and Enter X2 and Theft Under $5000 X2.

Both men will be appearing in Minden Court on November 5, 2008 in relation to the charges.

Male Charged Public Mischief

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Dysart man after responding to a 911 call on County Rd #21 in Haliburton yesterday afternoon.

Officers responding to the scene spoke to the complainant and learned that there was no emergency. The complainant was subsequently arrested and taken back to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Public Mischief and Resisting Arrest is Greg Smith 57 years of Dysart Et Al. Mr. Smith will be appearing in Minden Court on November 5, 2008 in relation to the charges.

Members of the public are reminded that 911 should only be called for emergencies. All other calls for service should be directed to the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122. ■

Young person Charged

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a young person after receiving a mischief complaint in the Village of Haliburton Wednesday September 4, 2008 shortly after 7:00pm.

The investigation revealed that the victim had parked their car in a parking lot next to the skate board park on Maple Ave in the Village of Haliburton. The victim then left the area and heard the car alarm activate on her vehicle. They returned to the scene and found that the suspects had smashed a window on their vehicle and stolen a purse.

Officers managed to locate and arrest the suspect with the help of witnesses at the scene.

A 17 year old young person from Dysart Twp has been charged with Mischief Under $5000, Theft Under $5000 and Breach of a Probation Order. He will be appearing in Minden court on October 1, 2008 in relation to the charges.

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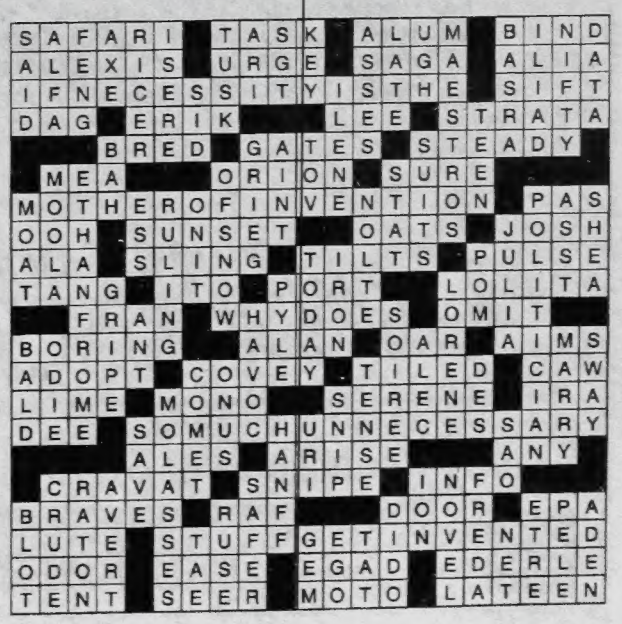

Striving for Excellence

Jocelyn Donaldson – "I was riding horses before I could talk"

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Eighteen-year-old Jocelyn Donaldson couldn't imagine life without horses. Not only is riding her favourite pastime, but it's a way of life.

It would seem a given that Donaldson would inherit the desire to ride. Her parents, Tammy and Lyle, own 20 acres of property that backs onto Algonquin Park, just 14 km outside of Harcourt. Off the acreage, they operate South Algonquin Trails – a horseback riding facility open to the public seven days a week. On any given day there is an average of 25-30 horses at the facility.

South Algonquin Trails is just where you'll find Jocelyn most of the time. Working for her parents, she is a certified trail guide with the Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF). In other words, she's qualified to take out groups and guide them through the trails of Algonquin Park. It's a summer job she definitely doesn't seem to mind.

"I get to meet lots of people from all over the world everyday! I work with great people and I get to ride all day long," she says. It's a job she thinks she would have been capable of doing at the age of 12, but had to wait to perform until she met the minimum age requirement of 16 set by the OEF. As a junior member of the OEF, she accumulated the most hours in the saddle of any OEF member since the program started in 1991. In 2007 she clocked over 3000 hours, a truly remarkable total.

As for when she first rode a horse, it's a question that she can only guess at the answer.

"I don't remember the first time getting on a horse. I was riding horses before I could talk!"

If Jocelyn's not riding on the trails or caring for horses, you'll probably find her entering various equestrian competitions where her skill and ability have landed her several fine finishes.

"When I was younger, I would win almost everything in competitions with my pony," said Donaldson during a trail ride a few weeks ago. Jocelyn first began capturing awards and ribbons at the age of two.

"I probably stopped counting them (awards) when I was 12. I ran out of space in my room for all the ribbons and trophies," she said.

One of her proudest accomplishments thus far was when Donaldson - along with four teammates – won overall in the National Masters Championship at the Prince Philip Games (PPG) held in Nova Scotia last year.

"It was pretty amazing! It was great to travel to Nova Scotia and ride different ponies."

And it's at those far away competitions that Jocelyn must ride horses that are provided to her. Transporting her own horses to the destinations just wouldn't be feasible, she says.

At these far away competitions with horses that are foreign to her, Jocelyn often must expect the unexpected.

"At one competition I was in, the pony I was riding charged for the gate and I got clothes-lined by the yellow rope which was the gate. The rope hit by the pony's ears and then sideswiped my leg. The crowd all gasped. It was funny, afterwards!"

Jocelyn says she favours competitions where she rides ponies because these events let her to get low to the ground, reach high speeds and display her moves of agility and accuracy.

"The closer you are to the ground, the more of an advantage you have. When playing mounted games, the faster you go, the easier it is. It's fun," she explains.

So what is it that attracts Jocelyn to the world of equestrian sports and horses in general?

"I kind of like the fact that I'm 110 pounds and I can control an animal that can weigh 1500 pounds. I think it's pretty cool that I can do that," she says proudly. "I also like them (horses). They're very understanding and very forgiving, and they're so fun, especially when you're riding flat-out bareback."

"Bareback" is a form of riding without the use of a saddle. Usually, only an advanced rider will ride bareback because of the difficulty and increased level of danger involved.

And since riding an animal that weighs close to a ton comes with its risks, how would Jocelyn handle a paralyzing injury if she suffered one?

"I wouldn't stop riding," she says. "There are riding schools for the disabled that I would go to."

These therapeutic riding schools she speaks of are located all

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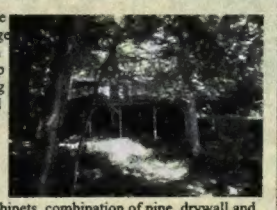

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across Ontario and the world. In Canada, there is an organization called The Ontario Therapeutic Riding Association. This registered charity promotes riding for young people and adults with a disability. The group has grown to 100 member riding centres across Canada.

Although there typically isn't big money to be found in the competitions Jocelyn enters, it's more about finishing in good standing, gaining the experience and putting on a performance for an audience that makes it all worthwhile.

Since Jocelyn graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), she's been pondering about what it is she'd like to study in college or university. Though she hasn't decided on an academic discipline just yet, she still managed to go abroad a few months ago.

"I went to New Zealand for three months last December. I stayed with a family over there that has a cottage up here and I just rode," she recalls. While in New Zealand, she practiced horseback hare hunting. This activity is comparable to fox hunting. Hounds set the pace of this sport that involves the tracking, chasing and sometimes killing of the animal.

Although she has limited time for other hobbies or activities, this dedicated, ambitious rider discovered another interest a year ago.

"I was interested in maybe becoming a stunt rider for movies," she explains. Two years in a row, Jocelyn went to Toronto for the Canadian Model & Talent Convention (CMTC). The CMTC is an annual four-day full convention held every Spring in Toronto which brings together the top modelling and talent agents with aspiring models, actors and entertainers for a weekend of education, networking and showcase opportunities through competitions.

Throughout the course of the convention, she participated in various shoots and acquired her own agent. She did receive some positive comments as well as constructive criticism in the process, but says she fell "short" of a certain requirement.

"I'm only 5'5" tall and they wanted me to be at least 5'7"."

Nonetheless, Jocelyn enjoyed the overall experience at CMTC in Toronto and credits the function as a "great confidence booster."

So what does this athletic, young talent see in her riding future?

"I want riding to be able to take me as far as I can go," she says.

Maybe one of the biggest obstacles in succeeding in the illustrious sport, she says, is the expense attached with getting to the professional level.

"The people that have the natural talent often don't go far because they don't have the money to support it. As for the ones who can do it, it's often daddy who buys them a $50,000 pony that can do anything."

Riding at the professional level can be very costly indeed. According to a recent article by The Associated Press, it costs about $25,000 just to ship a horse between the U.S. and Europe for one major show.

But money doesn't necessarily have to be the "be-all-end-all" to make a name for yourself in the sport. The Associated Press article also goes on to highlight U.S. rider Amy Tryon, who got her shot at the 2004 Olympics in Athens and won a bronze medal in team eventing with a retired racehorse she purchased in a newspaper classified ad for $2,000. Tryon also made it on to the 2008 team with the horse she trained herself.

Perhaps Jocelyn will also one day prove that money alone shouldn't trump talent and a stout mindset.■

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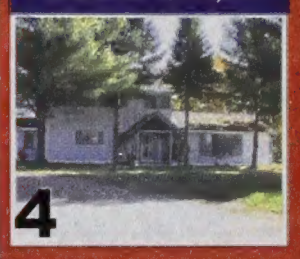
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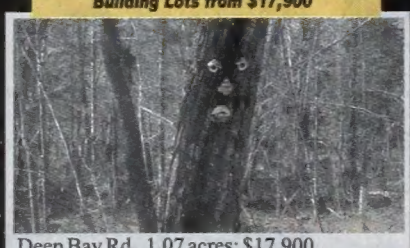

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